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Britain asked to send more troops

Cabinet considers UN plea for reinforcements to monitor Bosnia truce as other nations refuse

BY MICHAEL EVANS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BRITAIN was under intense pressure last night to send a battalion of at least 700 men to Bosnia after the UN issued an urgent shopping list for up to 3,000 extra troops to monitor the Sarajevo ceasefire and control Serb heavy guns.

The Cabinet will discuss the request this morning, but ministers are unlikely to make a decision until they know what other countries are planning to contribute.

France, with about 6,000 troops in the former Yugoslavia, has said it will send no more; the Dutch say their contingent of 2,400 is "more than proportionate to the size of The Netherlands"; and Spain says its force is at the limit of its possibilities. Russia has refused to transfer 1,200 soldiers from Croatia, and while Denmark said while it would consider any request, it already had more soldiers per capita in the former Yugoslavia than any other nation.

Douglas Hurd also reacted cautiously last night, saying: "We have carried really more than our fair share." But Foreign Office sources said there was added pressure on the Government to help, since the request originally came from Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the British commander of UN troops in Bosnia, whose robust approach towards the conflict is firmly backed by Britain. One military source said: "We would be lepers in the world community if we failed to reinforce what is a tremendous success. Here is a man creating some success for the first time in two years. It would be very difficult to hold up our heads if we did not send more forces."

The reinforcements requested by General Rose consist of two "self-sufficient" mechanised infantry battalions, one logistics battalion, a special reconnaissance company, six helicopters, a hundred military observers and an indirect fire locating unit. The appeal, which would double the number of troops in Bosnia, stipulates that the infantry battalions should have experience of urban warfare — seen in London as a clear reference to the expertise of the British Army.

General Rose is understood to want the extra forces in place within three weeks as a "stopgap" until the spring, when more than 5,000 troops are due to arrive as part of the UN's safe areas policy.

Conservative backbenchers are expected to oppose any further troop deployments at a time when the Army is stretched to meet commitments in Bosnia and Northern Ireland. However, a number of units — including a mechanised infantry battalion — are likely to have their normal seven-day notice to move reduced to five days or less.

A battery of six 105mm light guns may also be flown to Bosnia to give the 2,300 British troops already there extra protection from the potential risks after midnight on Sunday when the Nato deadline for Serbs to surrender their heavy guns around Sarajevo runs out. Britain and France are also to send four Cymbeline mortar-locating systems to Sarajevo to make sure that the Serbs comply with the Nato ultimatum.

UN officials have said that radar monitoring of Serb guns, backed by the threat of air strikes, will be enough to ensure that they stay silent, and America, under pressure from UN commanders on the ground, has dropped its insistence that all heavy guns must be removed or surrendered. It has instead agreed that any weapons remaining in the 12-mile exclusion zone must be pointed away from the city and disabled. General Rose remained confident yesterday that both sides would obey Nato instructions and said that Serb and Muslim troops would have to use force if they wanted to regain control of their weapons once they had been handed over.

Major General Jean Cot, the UN commander in the whole of the former Yugoslavia, agreed. "I intend that at midnight (on Sunday), heavy weapons on both the Bosnian side and the Serb side will be under our control," he said. "This is a tremendous gamble. If indeed it works out this way, then we will all be winners. If it does not come to pass, then we will all be losers. It is a gamble for peace."

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Army of bailiffs defeats the M11 squatters

BY ANDREW PIERCE

RIOT police skirmished with hundreds of protesters in east London yesterday as bulldozers demolished five Edwardian houses in the path of the M11 extension.

A hail of eggs descended on the officers and sheriffs with High Court writs, County Court bailiffs and officials wielding sledgehammers and crowbars as they moved in to evict 300 squatters. The operation took 10 hours to complete against a hard core of 100 demonstrators perched on rooftops, some chained to chimney pots reinforced with concrete casts.

Most of the demonstrators had arrived on coaches from all over Britain. Only a few came from Wanstead. Six people were arrested, including two on suspicion of being involved in the riots at the British National Party headquarters at Welling, southeast London, at the end of last year. Many of the protesters were veterans of campaigns such as that in Twyford Down and the battle in December to save a 250-year-old oak tree in Wanstead which also stood in the way of the planned road.

John Stewart, the protest leader, said: "It has been a tremendous success for us. It has been a peaceful protest." Within hours of the final house tumbling down, the protesters had moved to a new headquarters in Leytonstone, along the route of the £200 million road. Mr Stewart said: "We will fight this development every inch of the way."

The police included members of the Territorial Support Group in full riot gear. The officers went in at 7.30am in wave after wave. The early morning silence, punctuated by the flutes and drums of the protesters, was shattered by the sound of breaking glass as the bailiffs, with sledgehammers and crowbars, crashed into the houses.

One of the first people evicted was Mrs Jean Gosling, 49, a school crossing officer from a Wanstead primary school, who has been suspended from her job for joining the demonstration in her uniform. She said: "There were 18 of us arm-in-arm in one room with flutes playing, when suddenly the sledgehammers came crashing through the doors.

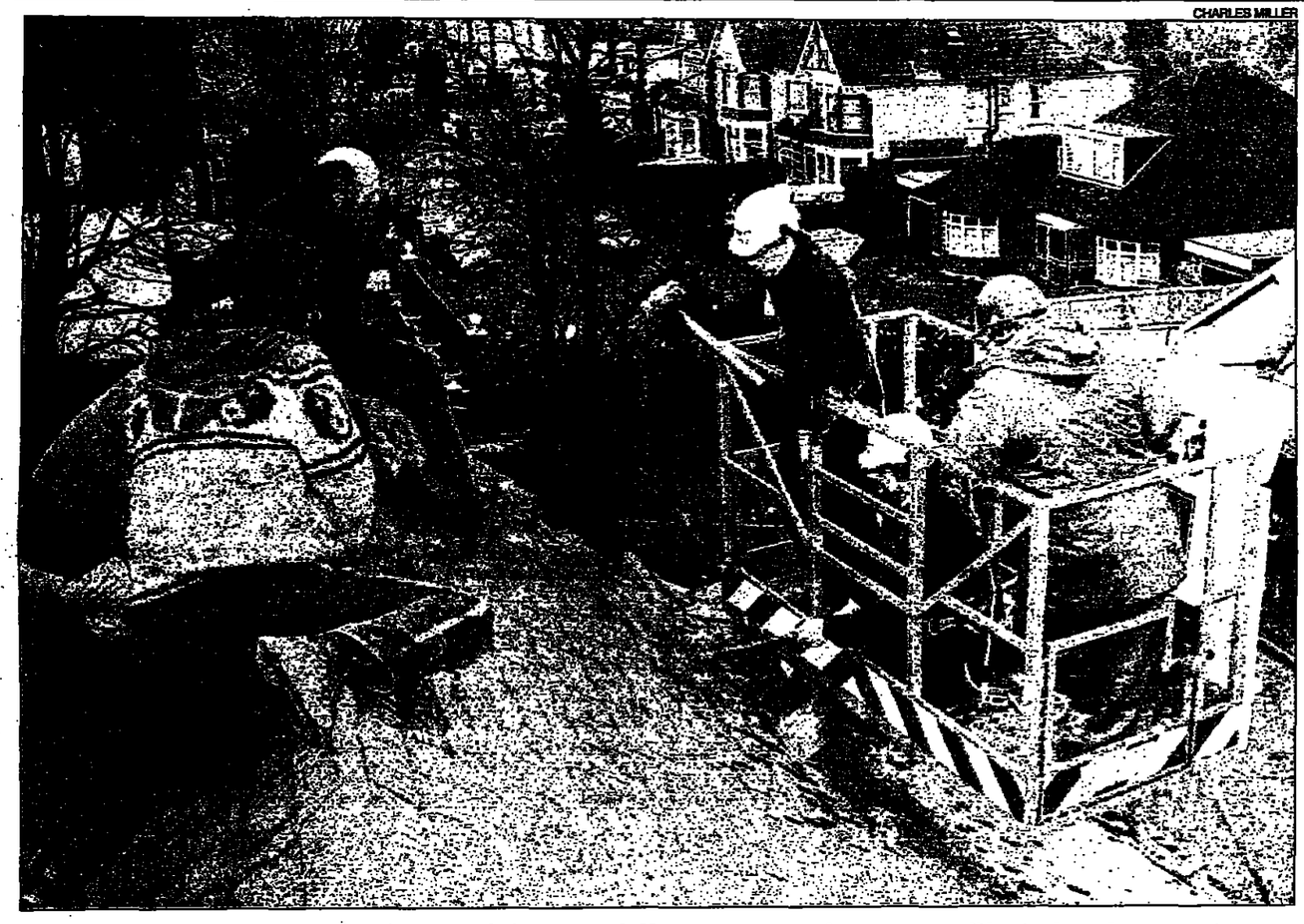
"It was very frightening. Some people threw themselves to the ground, but they just trampled over them. It was worth it, and I will be joining the demonstration in Leytonstone."

As the bailiffs waded in and mechanical shovels started to demolish the houses, John Hargrove, deputy sheriff of Greater London, appealed for the protesters to give up. His words were lost in a deafening cacophony of whistles and drum beats from the scornful demonstrators. Mr Hargrove said: "I am an eternal optimist, and hoped a little gentle verbal encouragement may have done the trick."

Barricades had been erected behind the houses, 6ft ditches dug around them.

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CHARLES MILLER



County Court bailiffs smashing through the roof of a house occupied by motorway extension protesters at Wanstead, east London, yesterday



Queen accepts invitation to visit Russia

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER IN NIZHNY NOVGOROD

THE Queen is to become the first British monarch to visit Russia since the 1917 revolution, in a gesture of Western support for President Yeltsin's faltering reform programme.

John Major told Mr Yeltsin yesterday that the state visit could go ahead and that it would set the seal on the new partnership between Britain and Russia.

The announcement followed hurried overnight consultations between Downing Street and Buckingham Palace after Mr Yeltsin told the Prime Minister on Tuesday that he hoped the Queen would be able to go this year. Buckingham Palace has indicated that the visit might take place in the autumn, but the details have yet to be fixed.

The British monarchy has had no contact with Russia since the murder of the Romanovs in 1918 — Tsar Nicholas II was a cousin of George V, and the Tsarina, Alexandra, was a granddaughter of Queen Victoria — but the Queen is said to be keen to visit the country. The Prime Minister, who described the Queen as one of the finest ambassadors Britain had ever had, said it was highly desirable for her to go there.

Relations between Britain and Russia began to improve markedly under President Gorbachev, but his invitation to the Queen to visit Moscow was effectively vetoed by Margaret Thatcher, who advised her that it would be unwise to visit what was still a Communist regime.

Mr Yeltsin first issued an invitation when he visited London in November 1992. The parliamentary and presidential elections appear to have removed the final hurdle to a royal tour.

Mr Major said: "We have been considering this for some time ... The Russians have had democratic elections and they have a democratically elected president. It seems an appropriate time to proceed with it."

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Atherton 86 in Barbados

England captain Mike Atherton held together his side's innings with 86 in 147 deliveries out of 202-5 in 50 overs in the first one-day international of the West Indies tour at Bridgetown, Barbados, yesterday.....Match report, page 44

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Inflation and jobless rises boost rate-cut expectation

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

INFLATION and unemployment both edged upwards in January, creating a statistical embarrassment for the Government but spreading cheer in the City, which concluded that another interest-rate cut was likely within two months.

The 15,500 rise in the jobless total, to 2.79 million, was the first since last August and came as the biggest surprise in yesterday's jumbo batch of statistics. The figures, covering retail sales and government borrowing as well as jobs and prices, spread some confusion at Westminster but were seen in the City as confirming the picture of a broadly non-inflationary economic recovery showing signs of flagging.

Yesterday's retail-prices index showed inflation rising to 2.5 per cent in the year to January from 1.9 per cent in December. This, however, was much less than the City and government economists had expected. Also, despite sharp increases in excise duties on tobacco, alcohol and petrol in Kenneth Clarke's Budget on November 30, prices actually fell 0.4 per cent in January because of unprecedented discounts in the post-Christmas sales. The increase in reported inflation was entirely due to last January's mortgage rate cuts dropping out of the annual comparison.

The City viewed the rise in inflation as just small enough not to pose any serious threat to Government long-term inflation targets, while the increase in unemployment was just big enough to intensify the pressure on the Chancellor for another cut in interest rates. The FTSE-100 index rose 24.5 points yesterday on top of Tuesday's 29 points.

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British Steel challenges £24m fine

BRITISH Steel was preparing to appeal last night against a £24.3 million fine imposed by the European Commission for colluding in price-fixing, as Labour MPs and trade union leaders said that the penalty could lead to further job losses (Philip Bassett writes).

The fine was the largest of the penalties for a total of 16 European steel producers said to be involved in a "clear-cut and systematic cartel over a number of years" in the 1980s.

The EC said they were guilty of price-fixing, market-sharing and information exchanging in the manufacture of steel beams used in the construction industry. All such practices are prohibited under European competition law. Tim Sainsbury, Industry Minister, faced with Commons protests over "unfair" subsidies to British Steel's competitors, said: "I shall do all I can to make sure that the subsidies are eliminated."

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New cricket game in The Times

● MORE than 10,000 readers entered *The Times* First XI cricket game before the noon deadline yesterday, seeking to win a trip to the Christmas Melbourne Test by selecting their own England team.

Those who missed the chance will not have long to wait for another.

Starting next month and running throughout the summer will be the *The Times* First Class XI, a new game prepared exclusively in association with the Test and County Cricket Board.

Thatcher diamonds not for ever

BY ALICE THOMSON

BARONESS Thatcher was furious when she saw Norma Major wearing a diamond necklace at a public engagement and recognised it as her favourite piece of jewellery from her tenure at No 10, according to the magazine *Tatler*.

She cherished the ornate necklace as much as privatisation and immediately telephoned the Prime Minister to say he was not to let his wife wear it again, the magazine reports.

Mr Major made the point that the necklace was part of a collection of jewellery that had been donated to the State by foreign dignitaries, and so was not personal property.

But a second telephone call from Lady Thatcher convinced him of the strength of her feelings and Mr Major agreed to see if his wife could find some other bauble to adorn her at functions.

As reports of the spat, disclosed in next month's edition of the magazine, circulated at Westminster last night neither Downing Street nor Lady Thatcher's friends issued denials.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Mention steel and all MPs pass the Tebbit Test

Barry Jones summed it up. "This is awful!" he groaned. The Commons was discussing fines imposed by the European Commission on British Steel. Mr Jones (Lab. Alyn & Deeside) was describing Tim Sainsbury's performance from the front bench, but it was hardly the unlucky minister's fault.

Having failed to bomb our steel industry into submission during the last war, Johnny Foreigner was now trying to destroy it via the European Commission. No MP who called himself British could condone that. Sainsbury — unable to condemn the fine — was the closest MPs could find to a Collaborator, and taking the flak.

And flak darkened the sky. MP after MP rose to condemn the fine, condemn the commissioners, condemn the entire Continental steel industry, and blacken the honour and judgment of every foreign player in this game.

To Labour's Robin Cook it was part of a Euro-conspiracy to stuff their own steelworks with subsidy, then smash ours. To Phillip Oppenheim (C, Amber Valley) it was proof that Euro-protectionism was bound to end in tears. To Peter Shore (Lab, Bethnal Green & Stepney) it was the latest dire consequence of Britain's transfer of sovereignty to Brussels: a grim development, but "harbinger of many to come".

Ron Leighton (Lab, Newham NE) was direct: "The European Commission should get stuffed".

"He's right!" shouted Skinner. "The dictat of unelected commissioners," complained Bob Cryer.

Other MPs took the news as occasion for a wider-ranging romp through the meadows of their Euro-hostility. A sarcastic Roger Knapman (C, Stroud) reminded us that "£28 million is a lot. £28 million would keep 28 Euro-MPs for a full whacking year". Not a single MP in any party betrayed the slightest disposition to believe it even *possible* that British Steel had been punished fairly.

They may be proved right: one does not know and MPs were not, at that stage, in the position to be sure. What was interesting was not their interim judgment, but the speed and certainty with which all leapt to it.

More significant than the predictable opinions from the known Euro-sceptics was the silence of the Euro-lambs. Scratch an MP and you find a British warrior. If there were secret Europeanists present on either side, they kept their doubts quiet. Sometimes a mood is so strong that it is pointless to defy it.

It took me back to a string of Commons occasions, some serious, some ridiculous, all pointing the same way. There was the Saturday morning after the Argentine occupation of Port Stanley: there was the announcement of EC milk quotas for British dairy farmers: there was the day French fishermen were accused of fouling British nets.

In each case our Parliament's reaction has been almost frightening for its suddenness and violence.

Loftier commentators than your sketchwriter, who dine with ministers and commissioners and try to reason objectively about these matters, write of hopes for an emerging sense of European identity. But I think they should watch the Commons on an afternoon like yesterday.

It may be vulgar, but it is a fact: if a decision hurts British people, and if it is taken by people who are not British, then British MPs will never accept the legitimacy of the decision or the good faith of the decision-maker. A faint smile played upon Lord Tebbit's lips as he watched yesterday from the Peers' gallery.

JOHN GILES



Jim Turner, 47, the sub-postmaster who was shot in the groin while attempting to stop armed raiders at his shop in Heaton, Bradford, on Tuesday, recovering in Bradford Infirmary yesterday with his wife Barbara

Tories fear for recovery as jobless and inflation rise

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Rightwingers believe the Government should cut interest rates by as much as 2 per cent before the tax increases due in April

A SURPRISE jump of 15,500 in January's seasonally adjusted unemployment total was last night fuelling fears among Conservative backbenchers that the prospect of tax increases in April is choking off the recovery.

Although ministers and Downing Street officials dismissed the increase to 2,787,000 as a temporary blip, most Tory MPs said that it strengthened the case for further cuts in interest rates before wage packets are hit by higher tax demands.

Opposition parties seized on the higher jobless figures and a rise in inflation last month to 2.5 per cent — up from 1.9 per cent in December as a result of mainly technical factors — to renew their assault on the Government's economic record.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said that April's tax increases would add 0.4 per cent to inflation and added that they were checking the recovery and threatening jobs. For the Liberal Democrats, Alex Carlile said the "depressing" inflation and unemployment figures showed that the economy was unable to cope with the pick-up in demand.

Tory dismay was partially offset by a rebound in retail sales, which rose by 0.6 per cent in January after a fall in December revised down to 0.1 per cent.

Over the three months to January — a better guide to the trend — the volume of retail sales was 0.8 per cent higher than the previous three months.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said he was confident that the economy was still on course for recovery. David Hunt, the Employment Secretary, said that "erratic" monthly figures were not unusual and that over the past year unemployment had fallen in nine months out of 12. The jobless total was still on a downward trend.

John Townend, chairman of the backbench Tory finance committee, said that the latest figures suggested that the public was beginning to draw in its horns in advance of the April tax hike and that if the trend was confirmed, Mr Clarke had the option of further base-rate cuts to keep the recovery on track.

Right-wing Tories said the Chancellor should cut interest rates by at least two percentage points or bid farewell to the recovery.

Downing Street officials took a relaxed view of admittedly "bumpy" statistics, saying that while the rise in unemployment was disappointing, too much significance should not be placed on one month's figures.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tunnel attackers face life imprisonment

Terrorists who attempt to seize control of the Channel tunnel or to hijack its trains face life imprisonment under new laws to be introduced by the Government. Roger Freeman, the transport minister, told the Commons that life sentences could also be imposed on people making threats to destroy or damage the tunnel and trains.

Eurotunnel, operator of the tunnel, to be opened in May by the Queen and President Mitterrand, refuses to discuss the security measures that have been built into the design. But it is known to have discussed anti-terrorist measures with world experts.

Mr Freeman said: "Although the tunnel was built with private money and will be operated as a commercial enterprise, the British and French governments have an important role in ensuring that the security of the tunnel is satisfactorily provided and organised." Frank Dobson, shadow Transport Secretary, said: "If the tunnel is to be a success, it clearly needs to be secure and safe." The new laws will be in line with legislation covering ships and aircraft.

Howard adds to reforms

A team has been set up to review the tasks of the police and to establish their main functions, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday. The initiative is in addition to his proposals to reform the police authorities. Police leaders fear this latest move could prompt privatisation of some police work and cuts in manpower. Mr Howard's plans to set national objectives for the police and to speed up amalgamation of forces will come under attack from peers today. He accepts the Government faces defeat but is determined to reverse it in the Commons.

EU could ban bathing

Bathing could be banned from many of Britain's most popular beaches under new rules, unveiled in Brussels yesterday, which require EU member states to prohibit the activity unless standards for health and cleanliness are met. Last year around 20 per cent of British beaches failed to reach the mandatory standards, including those at several leading resorts. The draft directive also introduces new limits for sewage pollution. Guy Linley-Adams, water campaigner at Friends of the Earth, said the revision meant even more British beaches may fail the test in future years.

Stolen shotguns found

Merseyside police yesterday made their biggest ever haul of firearms when they recovered 80 shotguns stolen from a lorry in Oxford. The weapons were found in a van, parked in Bootle, which had been under surveillance. The discovery follows last week's seizure of a substantial cache of firearms, including seven sub-machineguns, from a house in Liverpool. Police do not believe there is a terrorist connection with either find or that they are linked. They are trying to trace the man who bought the van in Wallasey, giving false details to the previous owner.

Woman, 80, 'hid drugs'

A great-grandmother aged 80 was caught smuggling cocaine worth £250,000 hidden beneath her girdle, Isleworth Crown Court, west London, was told. Mengri Jettoo was stopped at Heathrow after flying from Guyana with 1.7 kilograms of the drug strapped under two girdles, Zoe Smith, for the prosecution, said. Mrs Jettoo, now living in a bail hostel in Camden, north London, is said to be one of a gang of smugglers operating from a guest house in Clapham, south London. She and four others deny smuggling. The trial is expected to last a month.

Blandford court date set



The Marquess of Blandford, left, was released on bail last night after being questioned by police about the theft of cheque books and unpaid taxi fares. Scotland Yard said he would appear at Horseferry Road magistrates court on April 5. The marquess, 38, the heir to the Duke of Marlborough, was arrested by detectives investigating allegations that he tried to use cheques belonging to two people.

Son killed on shoot

A solicitor killed his 12-year-old son during a pheasant shoot as he turned to reprimand his dog, an inquest was told. Oliver Drabble, of Five Oaks, West Sussex, was hit between the eyes by his father Timothy's double-barrelled shotgun. He died instantly. The coroner at Horsham, West Sussex, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Landslip moves 40 acres

Council chiefs were making evacuation plans yesterday after a landslip threatened to destroy half a dozen homes at St Dogmaels near Cardigan, Dyfed. More than 40 acres of land have moved in the past 48 hours, causing huge cracks in houses. Roads have developed 12in buckles and some fields have been declared too dangerous for cattle.

Ulster paper wins award

The *Sunday Life* newspaper of Belfast was named best regional daily or Sunday newspaper by the *UK Press Gazette* for its "tremendous journalism in every edition". The newspaper was launched in October 1988. The regional press awards were sponsored by the Press Association, Two-Ten Communications and Press Computer Systems.

Old Bash Street returns

The Bash Street kids are set for a comeback after *Beano* comic's authors received death threats for trying to smarten them up with futuristic images. Readers flooded the comic with more than 2,000 letters and petitions. For the 40th anniversary edition, the gang's new look has been dropped and they will return to the spotty, rumpled way they were.

Fans denied sport on TV says Labour

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Government should expand its list of protected sporting events, such as Wimbledon and the FA Cup Final, to prevent subscription-only satellite channels snapping up the rights, the Labour Party claimed yesterday.

In a letter to Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, Marjorie Mowlam, the shadow Heritage Secretary, said that many sports fans were being denied the chance to see national teams compete on television.

She said existing legislation, which prevents the rights to certain listed events being sold exclusively to subscription channels, should be strengthened. "At present, 22 million UK households — 97% of the population — have television sets, whereas only 3.5 million households subscribe to satellite," she said.

Dr Mowlam's comments will strike a chord with millions of sports fans who, in 1992, were angered when BSkyB secured an exclusive £304 million, five-year deal for Premiership football.

Export likely for art work

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

CANOVA's statue *The Three Graces* is almost certain to go abroad after the Government decided yesterday to ban export for six months rather than the expected year and a half.

Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, decided not to accept the 18-month recommendation made by the committee that reviews works of art for export. The shorter ban means that money from the national lottery will not be available in time to save the statue.

Art experts believe *The Three Graces* is likely to go to the Getty Museum in California. No British museum would be able to raise £7.6 million to match the Getty offer in such a short time and there is no known private buyer available.

Mr Brooke said: "I fully appreciate the strength of feeling for retention of *The Three Graces*, a neo-classical masterpiece. However, in all the circumstances, I have decided that I should not accept the reviewing committee's recommendation."

Espionage expert is found hanged

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE writer James Rusbridger, who claimed to have been an MI6 agent, was found hanged at his home yesterday.

His body was discovered by his landlord several hours before Mr Rusbridger was due to be evicted from his cottage in Bodmin, Cornwall. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances.

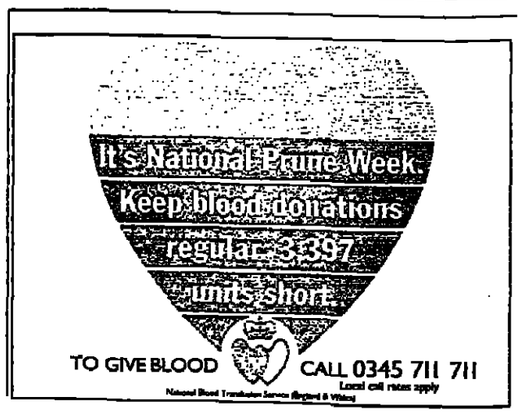
The prolific writer of letters to newspapers was the author of a 1990 book *The Intelligence Game*, which accused the security services of dirty tricks. The security services denounced him as a fantasist for claiming to have been an MI6 bagman in eastern Europe during the 1960s.

Nonetheless, he deserved his reputation as an expert on espionage, having spent many years studying the subject. Mr Rusbridger often claimed he had been approached by the security services in 1962 while working in London as a commodity broker because his employment took him to Eastern Europe.

"They asked me if I would like to deliver some parcels to the other side of the Iron Curtain," he claimed.

The Intelligence Game purported to describe the operating techniques of security agents. It discussed the death of Hilda Murrell, an anti-nuclear supporter who was allegedly murdered by British agents. Another book he planned was withdrawn by publishers when the Defence Ministry warned it might put national security at risk.







A rooftop protester waving a flag yesterday

ADRIAN BROOKS



An army of bailiffs, flanked by police, marching on the houses at Wanstead

Police skirmish with squatters

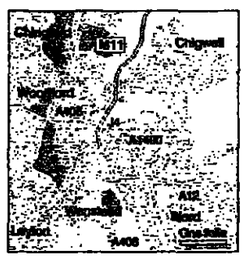
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interior stairs removed and booby-traps set by removing floorboards. Some protesters were chained to refrigerators and sofas. As the day wore on the resistance was gradually worn down when two hydraulic lifts were brought in, manned by bailiffs wielding sledge-hammers who smashed the roof tiles only inches from the feet of some of the protesters.

One by one they were dragged off, by their belts, buckles, waistbands, arms and legs. Some slipped down the roof and were prevented from falling only by fellow objectors. Punches were thrown.

Michael Edwardes, 40, who had lived in the house for 10 years, was removed with his arm encased in a concrete cast inside a chimney pot. After being winched off the roof he was trundled down the street in a wheelbarrow. Throughout the clashes an Ash Wednesday service was taking place at the Roman Catholic church of Our Lady of Lourdes, directly opposite. One member of the congregation, Maureen McGovern, said: "We could hear shouting and crashing and breaking glass, but we kept praying."

Liberty, the civil rights group, which observed the proceedings, lodged a protest about the tactics of the bailiffs. Conor Foley, who slept in the house throughout the night, said: "They have been endangering people's lives by systematically demolishing houses while legitimate protesters are still inside."



The cost of the operation since the protest began in September has been put at £1m in police and court costs. Chief Supt Stuart Giblin said: "We have spent, at a conservative estimate, at least £150,000 today. That is money which could have been put to much better use. We have concluded the operation quicker than we expected.

"There have only been slight injuries and the vast majority of the protesters have behaved peacefully, but I fear there will be a repetition in the future. What I fear is that they get hijacked by the militant left-wing groups."

Bank's letters over £72 'tipped balance for suicide victim'

By Bill Frost

A CORONER has accused Barclays Bank of harrying a customer who committed suicide over an outstanding loan repayment of £72.

Steven Langley, 45, a financial adviser from Balsall Common, West Midlands, died in a fume-filled car four days after receiving two letters from his branch manager, one demanding that he return his chequebook and card.

In a suicide note found next to his body, Mr Langley wrote: "I just can't go on handling the pressure of simply living."

The bank wrote to Mr Langley, a counsellor with the Samaritans, because he could not meet a loan instalment after his salary cheque was apparently delayed. The day after his death, £943 was credited to his account. The cheque had been issued five days earlier — the day the bank sent out the letters.

Recording a verdict of suicide, Dr Richard Whittington, the Birmingham coroner, blamed the bank for "tipping the balance". He said: "Mr Langley was harried in a way quite unsuitable in the circumstances for a comparatively small amount of money."

Dr Whittington said the delay in the salary payment should have been taken up with either Mr Langley or his employers. He said the bank's handling of the affair was remarkable because Mr Langley owned his home and his wife, Ann, a senior hotel employee, earned a good salary.

"I'm told that banks exist to help people get back on their feet. It seems that the opposite line has been taken here," Dr Whittington said.

Mrs Langley told the inquest that her husband had suffered from stress in his previous job as regional manager for a brewery. She had only discovered after his death that he had taken out a loan from a branch of Barclays in Coventry.



Langley: salary delay left him £72 overdrawn

Stephen Ratcliffe, one of the managers, said letters had been sent to Mr Langley after a ten-day delay in receiving his salary cheque. Asked if he would adopt the same procedure again in such circumstances, Mr Ratcliffe replied: "Yes." All factors had been taken into account, he said, adding: "We are there to help."

Mrs Langley claimed her husband had been driven to suicide by pressure from the bank. "They knew his salary was paid in late, but he still got this letter churned off the computer. I haven't even had an apology from the bank."

Barclays yesterday extended its "deepest sympathy" to Mr Langley's widow and two children. A spokesman said his death was tragic and that the bank regretted Mr Langley had not responded to a request a month before his suicide that he contact his branch for "further financial counselling".

The case has provoked concern among consumer groups about the way banks approach customers in financial difficulty. Ruth Evans, director of the National Consumer Council, said: "Banks should take greater care to investigate properly all the circumstances when they are threatening a customer with sanctions such as closing an account.

"At the moment banks see themselves very much as debt collectors rather than organisations which ought to have a relationship with individual clients. They need to develop a more personal way of dealing with people."

World is 3.5% weirder

By Joe Joseph

IF YOU have been nagged by the feeling that life has become more bizarre recently, it is not that you are drinking too much, or too little. It is just that the world really is getting weirder. About 3.5 per cent weirder, according to *Fortean Times*, the journal that logs the world's stranger happenings.

It receives thousands of news clippings from its 30,000 subscribers and divides them into 34 categories, such as UFOs, apparitions and swarmings. It gives each a base of 100 for 1992 and measures whether the phenomena grew or lessened in 1993. They grew, by 3.5 per cent.

Among last year's curiosities was the Nigerian transvestite who murdered 200 people, believing he was a water goddess; the 1,300 Egyptian schoolgirls whose nausea and fainting fits closed 32 schools; and the fish that rained on a policeman's head in north-west Australia.

Assault case boy sent on holiday

By Kate Alderson

A BOY aged 15 charged with attempted robbery, assault and affray, is on a week-long sailing holiday after Stockport social services were unable to find secure accommodation for him anywhere in Britain.

The boy, from Stockport, will appear in court tomorrow, after he returns from a £750 sailing trip on the Caledonian Canal in Scotland.

Alan Draper, deputy director of Stockport social services, said the police presented them with the teenager on Friday last week. "Both the police and ourselves agreed secure accommodation was preferable but there was none available nationally," he said.

"We had no alternative but to send him on this trip. We stress that this was not our first choice for the boy, and that Care Afloat, which organises the trips, have a good therapeutic reputation and have had a lot of success with teenagers in the past."

Mr Draper said that the lack of secure places ran counter to Government promises to be tough with young offenders. "We do not have the tools to do the job effectively." The teenager, who has previously been under the care of social services, will learn navigation skills, cleaning and cooking.

Mr Draper said: "I don't think you could compare a week on a Scottish canal in February to a long spell in Kenya."

He said the holidays were far from easy. "Youngsters who have never had responsibility suddenly have to cook for themselves and survive by themselves. Many children in care have not had normal lives. We are trying to give them normal lives — and holidays are a normal thing to do."

The Health Department said last night that it was extremely unlikely that secure accommodation would not have been available nationally. A spokesman said that he did not have details of the case.

He added: "There are 30 secure units across the country with 270 places. Ninety per cent are usually full at one time, but that leaves some spare."

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GPs find night calls a bitter pill

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

AN Ipswich doctor who was called out in the middle of the night by a distraught woman found when he arrived that she had only mislaid her tortoise.

The call-out was one of the more bizarre cases relayed by GPs responding to a survey in *Doctor* magazine. Other calls included one from a Middlesbrough woman who had broken her medicine spoon, one from a Bath patient who wanted advice about whether she could attend a cocktail party and countless calls from people who had run out of aspirins.

The 2,837 GPs who took part favoured sanctions against patients making needless calls. Two-thirds were in favour of cash penalties to deter callers.

Of all night calls logged by doctors in the survey, only a quarter were genuine emergencies. More than half could have waited until the morning and a quarter were unnecessary. The average GP gets 26 night calls a month, but some receive as many as 80.

Dr Ian Bogle, chairman of the British Medical Association's general medical services committee, said: "The survey shows the strength of feeling among GPs about the present arrangements for out-of-hours care. "We are discussing with the Government alternative arrangements, but I cannot agree with penalties against patients."

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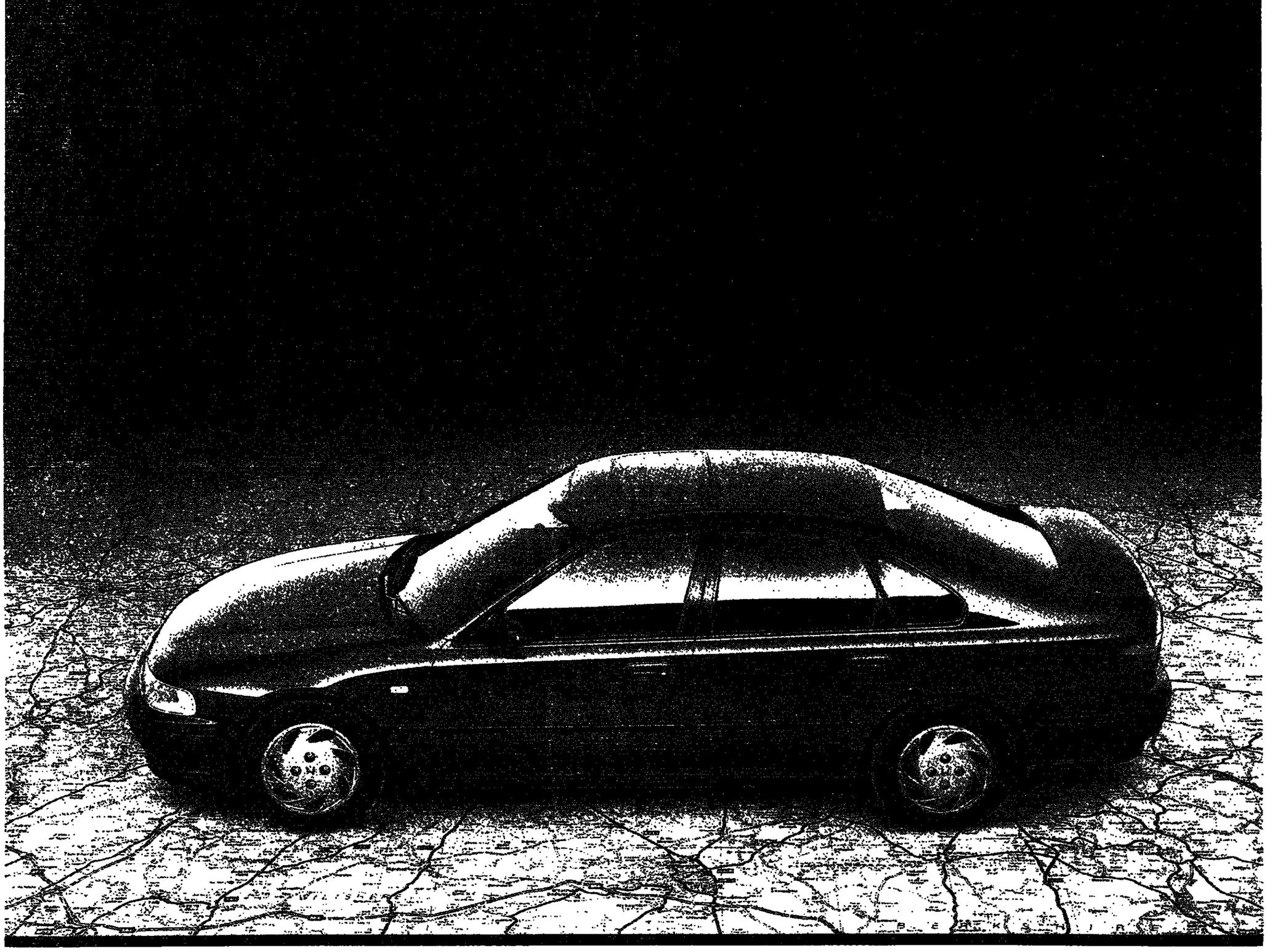
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First Russian trip by a British monarch since 1908 will pose problems of symbolism and security

Queen's visit may heal rift over murdered Tsar

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Queen's visit to Russia, the first by a British monarch since Edward VII sailed into Russian waters in 1908, will be one of the most difficult that Buckingham Palace has had to organise.

Not only will it be laden with political symbolism; it will also present particular security, protocol and logistic problems.

Neither the date nor duration of the visit have been set, Buckingham Palace said yesterday. An important state visit can last for up to a week and this one could involve not only a trip to Moscow but visits to other cities, including St Petersburg, the former imperial capital. The earliest and most likely timing would be the autumn, possibly September, before the Russian winter sets in.

The main consideration is always the Queen's security and the threat of political turbulence is real. There is no anti-British feeling in Russia, but the country has a history of assassinations of Russian royalty by anarchists. Opponents of President Yeltsin, either former Communists or from the far right, might try to use the highly visible presence of the Queen to stage demonstrations.

The other difficulty is how and whether the visit should be used to heal the long rift between Russia and the British royal family. Nicholas II was a first cousin of George V and the murder of the Tsar's family by the Communists in 1918 led to an unofficial ban on all visits. Former Russian aristocrats felt that Britain should have done more to save the Russian royal family. The bones of the Tsar have been identified by British scientists and the Russians may soon have them formally interred in St Petersburg. The Queen could be expected to pay symbolic homage to the man who is increasingly revered by Russian nationalists.

There is no difficulty is finding appropriate settings for a reception for the Queen. The Kremlin is one of the world's most spectacular clusters of buildings and churches, including the magnificent ornate St George's Hall, where President Yeltsin can provide a state banquet. The Queen could be accommodated in the Kremlin state apartments, though the Russians may make available other state guesthouses or former palaces. The British embassy, a former sugar merchant's residence opposite the Kremlin, is small but beautifully decorated and would make a suitable venue for a return banquet. In the dining room hangs a full-length portrait of George V which bears a striking resemblance to Nicholas.

A royal visit would arouse considerable excitement in Russia. Even in Communist times, there was a secret hankering for the old pomp and glory, and the videotape of the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales was circulated among top officials. President Yeltsin would reap considerable benefit from being seen in her company, as Russians would take pride in the hospitality offered. Another question to be decided is whether the Queen should meet Patriarch Alexei II, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church. As head of the Church of England, the Queen might visit Zagorsk, the spiritual headquarters of Russian Orthodoxy on the outskirts of Moscow.

Such a visit, reinforcing recent improvements in relations between the two churches, would be laden with ecumenical symbolism and would come as thousands of Russians flock back to the orthodox church.

Other members of the royal family have been to the former Soviet Union. In 1973 the Duke of Edinburgh broke the ice, travelling to Moscow as president of the International Equestrian Federation. He went again in 1979 in the same capacity before the 1980 Moscow Olympics. The Duke of Gloucester, an architect, has twice visited Moscow as an adviser on the proposed building of a new British embassy. Prince Edward went to Moscow in 1990 and the Princess Royal visited several cities in 1990 and passed through Moscow last year on her way to Mongolia, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

Any royal visit is intended to cement relations and highlight Britain's links with the host country. The Queen may therefore visit Murmansk to honour the British sailors who lost their lives during wartime Arctic convoys. She is unlikely to go to restless or breakaway areas and will not be brought into contact with political extremists such as Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the Liberal Democrat leader. As John Major did, she will probably visit showcase cities such as Nizhny Novgorod, where British know-how funds have been put to good use.

British exporters will want to make the most of the publicity, and the British Council may arrange a theatrical or musical tour.



British and Russian royal families at Cowes, 1909. From left, standing, Prince Edward, Queen Alexandra, Princess Mary, Princess Victoria, Grand Duchess Olga, Grand Duchess Tatiana; seated, Princess of Wales, Nicholas II, Edward VII, Empress Alexandra, Prince of Wales, Grand Duchess Marie; on ground, Tsarevitch Alexis, Grand Duchess Anastasia

Royal rendezvous at sea was a family occasion

BY ALAN HAMILTON

ONLY once before has there been a state visit by a British monarch to Russia. Even then King Edward VII did not set foot on Russian soil, but met his nephew-in-law Tsar Nicholas II in a rendezvous of royal yachts off the Baltic port of Reval, now the Estonian capital Tallinn.

In 1908, the crowned heads of Europe were almost entirely inter-related. King Edward described them as the trade union of the continent's crowns. The meeting of the heads of the two greatest empires of the age was as much a family occasion as a grand political gesture. Newspapers in London and St Petersburg reflected the comforting glow of a world at one with itself. "It has been essentially a consecration of the friendly feelings between the two great peoples, which their respective governments have fostered by the conclusion of the Anglo-Russian Agreement," declared *The Times*. "It conduces to a satisfactory settlement in an amicable manner of some of the momentous questions in the future."

On the same day, the St Petersburg newspaper *Sviet* described the meeting as "the coping-stone of a secure peace between the peoples of the two hemispheres".

King and Tsar exuded mutual warmth. Edward created Nicholas an Admiral of the Fleet in the Royal Navy, presented his Foreign Minister with a diamond snuff box, and bestowed the Victorian Order on everyone else in sight. The Tsar, in turn, created Edward an admiral in the Imperial Russian navy, and pinned the high order of Alexander Nevsky on most of the British breasts.

A grand lunch took place aboard the vessel *Pole Star*. Queen Alexandra was too fatigued to attend. She missed the monarchs enjoying a burst of cross-dressing: the King wore the uniform of the Kiev Dragoons, while the Tsar was dressed as a colonel of the Scots Greys. Guns boomed, and the British and Imperial Russian standards flew side by side above St Petersburg town hall.

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Headline from *The Times* of June 10, 1908

For ordinary Russians, the visit was the first chance for some time to see their emperor, who had largely withdrawn from public life, much like Victoria after the death of Albert. According to *The Times*: "The homeliest mind was affected by the reunion of the august kinsmen, even if it failed to appreciate the significance of this meeting of the sovereigns of the two greatest empires under the sun, met together to establish the world's peace."

The true significance of the royal visit was then, as now, Balkan. Britain and Russia had done a deal on Macedonia. But its proper historical context may be found in a brief news item in *The Times*, directly beneath the report of the royal meeting in the Baltic. Datelined Belgrade, it reproduces a telegram sent to to the monarchs from the Association of Emigrants from Bosnia and Herzegovina. "We welcome with enthusiasm the meeting of the two most powerful sovereigns in Europe, and beg your majesties to remember the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina, who are groaning under the yoke." For all the warmth of the meeting at Reval, the world was turned upside down within a little more than six years. And it began at Sarajevo.

The following year the Tsar and his family visited Britain, where they were entertained by the King at Cowes. They were, in fact, regular visitors.

In a comment that might almost have been written yesterday, *The Times* of August 3, 1909, pronounced: "We desire as strongly as any of the Tsar's critics the progress of Russia along the path of constitutional development which she is now treading."

Yeltsin keen to make amends

BY DANIEL JOHNSON, LITERARY EDITOR

LIKE his predecessor Mikhail Gorbachev, President Yeltsin has long angled for a state visit by the Queen, above all to heal the wounds of the Bolshevik massacre of Tsar Nicholas II and the Romanov family at Ekaterinburg in 1918.

That fateful regicide lies heavy on the conscience of the Russian leader, who has sought over the past three years to expiate the crime.

The Kremlin has opened Soviet archives and last year allowed the Romanov remains to be formally identified by British forensic scientists, with the help of blood samples given by the Duke of Edinburgh, whose maternal grandmother was the Tsarina Alexandra's sister. This has cleared the way for a state funeral and reburial in the vault of the tsars in the church adjacent to the fortress of St Peter and St Paul in St Petersburg.

For almost 70 years the Soviet authorities tried to obliterate all memory of the slaughter. Less than 20 years ago it was Boris Yeltsin himself who ordered the demolition of the Ipatiev house, where the executions occurred, while still Communist Party boss of his native Ekaterinburg (then called Sverdlovsk). Mr Yeltsin has since apologised, and in 1992 he tried to make amends to the Romanov family by allowing the Grand Duke Vladimir, late head of the Romanov dynasty, to receive a full Orthodox funeral in St Isaac's Cathedral in St Petersburg and to be buried alongside his ancestors.

But the massacre at Ekaterinburg was also a discreditable chapter in the history of the House of Windsor. The Queen's grandfather, King George V, personally overruled his Prime Minister, Lloyd George, when Nicholas II, his first cousin, and the imperial family requested asylum in Britain after the Tsar was deposed in 1917.

However, one of the surviving Romanovs, the Grand Duchess Xenia, was given a grace-and-favour residence at Hampton Court, and the Queen has made other quiet gestures of reconciliation towards both the Romanov family and the Russian nation.

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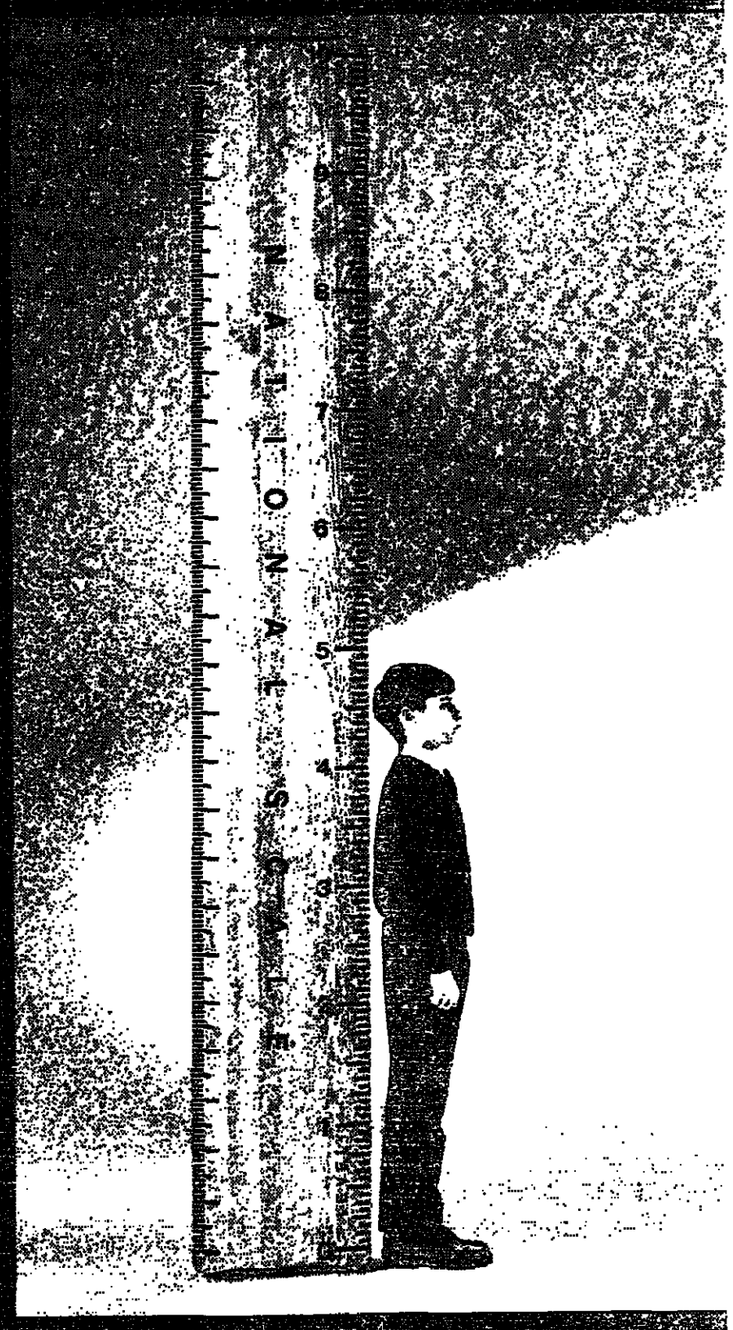
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Climber to share money for story with rescuers

BY EDWARD GORMAN

■ The family of Jacqueline Greaves have rejected claims that she is seeking financial gain from her mountain ordeal

THE woman rescued after two nights in Arctic conditions in the Cairngorms is to make a substantial contribution to mountain rescue services after selling her story to newspapers.

There had been anger at the prospect of Jacqueline Greaves, 53, making £40,000 from the tale of her rescue operation, which is believed to have cost at least £75,000. But she said yesterday: "Of course I will be making a considerable donation ... once everything has been finalised. I owe them my life."

Mrs Greaves also later claimed that *The Sun* and the *Daily Mail* had halved their offer to £20,000.

The mother of two from Lowton, Greater Manchester, was discharged yesterday from Raigmore hospital, Inverness, after treatment for mild frostbite.

She had been found in remarkably good physical and mental condition, wandering on the snow-covered slopes of Derry Cairngorm on Tuesday morning, after being lost since Sunday afternoon.

The rescue involved two RAF helicopters, which flew for a total of eight hours at a cost of about £8,000-an-hour, and four rescue teams, estimated to cost about £10 per man per hour.

Sir Hector Monro, MP for Dumfries and Scottish Office minister responsible for recreation, was among several MPs who expressed indignation at the idea that people should make money after being saved by rescue teams, some of which were funded only by donations.

"If she has received this large sum of money, then I hope she will donate it all to the mountain rescue volunteers and the police who did so much to rescue her," Sir Hector said on BBC Radio. "They risked their lives to find her and I think it is wrong that she should gain out of it a financial reward."

Mrs Greaves's family were upset at the criticism. Her sister-in-law, Elma Wilkins, from Buckie, Grampian, said: "I think it is very sad. She is a very, very caring person; she is not a material-minded person.

"These negotiations came at a very early stage when she was admitted to hospital. She hasn't had the time to plan things rationally, so she is going to look at it all when she gets home."

Sir Hector also called for a more sensible attitude to walking and climbing on high peaks during winter. "Every weekend we are losing lives in Scotland, 25 or 30 last year. We really must try to prevent people going to the hills without taking proper precautions and listening to the weather forecasts, and then risking the lives of these volunteer rescue teams and the police and the RAF who come to find them," he said.

In a television interview before she left hospital Mrs Greaves, a school secretary, spoke of her fears that she would die in the -26C temperatures on the slopes of Derry Cairngorm.

"I didn't think I was going to make it. It was very, very cold. The last two nights in the snowhole were the worst."

She stayed in the same place for 16 hours before deciding to climb down. "I felt extremely frightened. Then I walked all day but the weather was so bad, it was a white-out.

"I was seeing bodies coming towards me to rescue me. I saw bikes and cars. I was very ill, I was hallucinating."

Mrs Greaves paid tribute to her rescuers. "They were wonderful. I was so glad to see them."

Leaders of the rescue teams have been reticent about criticising Mrs Greaves and her companions, whom they believe was well prepared, experienced and fit.

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JOHN PAU

Jacqueline Greaves leaves hospital yesterday

Watchdog claims 'bind-over' law unjust

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

COURT powers to bind over a person to keep the peace are archaic, unjust and should be abolished, the Law Commission claimed in a report published yesterday.

"In many respects it offends against modern notions of justice and of human rights," the Government's watchdog on law reform said.

The power to extract a promise from someone to be of good behaviour for a fixed period or forfeit money dates back to Saxon times. It said a person could be bound over without having been found guilty of an offence within the criminal law. Although the power could not be exercised without the person's consent, they might be imprisoned if they did not give it.

The commission said the length of the bind over could be unlimited and there was no upper limit to the sum the person could forfeit. The type of behaviour prohibited by the order was often vague and uncertain.

The commission has drawn up a draft Bill to abolish the orders. "We came to the clear view that the power should be abolished without replacement," it said.

Mr Justice Brooke said the recommendation did not apply to specific modern statutory provisions, such as the power under the 1991 Criminal Justice Act to bind over the parents of juvenile offenders.

☐ The failure of Parliament to implement successive Law Commission proposals for reform was scandalous, Lord Mishcon QC, the Labour peer, said yesterday. Giving the 12th Attlee Foundation lecture at Toynbee Hall, London, he said the failure to afford time to law reform bills "lies at the door of those who are responsible in that house for legislative programming".

☐ *Binding Over*, Law Commission No 222, (HMSO, £11.65)

Wage-cut docker loads up £2.25m win

A DOCKER forced to take a pay cut to keep his job has landed Britain's biggest pools win, more than £2.25 million.

A few months ago Barry Mallet, 45, accepted an £80-a-week wage cut at Harwich, Essex. Then he and his father Harry, 76, staked 60p with Littlewoods.

Yesterday they were at a champagne reception at the Dorchester Hotel, London, to receive a cheque for £2,255,387 from Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin, presenters of Channel 4's *The Big Breakfast*.

Mr Mallet, who followed his father into the docks as a loader with Stena Sealink, said: "The fear of redundancy is everywhere in the dockyard — especially with the coming of the Channel tunnel. Nobody quite knows how safe their job is. But all that fear is gone now."

He lives in Dovercourt, Essex, with his wife Maureen, 55, and has a daughter and three grandchildren. He said that he planned to invest most of his share of the cash but would buy a new house, a new car, a gymnasium, new clothes for his wife and a holiday abroad for all 50 members of his family.

The win comes two weeks after Littlewoods raised its jackpot limit to £2.25 million. The previous record pools win was £2,246,113, paid to an anonymous Bournemouth man in June 1992.


Mallet: redundancy fear has vanished

Bus conductor faced with sawn-off shotgun

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

TWO men who threatened the conductor of a London bus with a sawn-off shotgun were last night being hunted by police. The incident is the second this week in which guns have been used in petty crime on the streets of the capital.

The conductor was faced with the gun when he went upstairs to collect fares on the 98 bus as it drove along Oxford Street in the West End. The two men told the conductor: "We're unemployed and can't afford the fare."

One then pulled out the shotgun from a black bag. The men ran down the stairs and off the bus in to Oxford Street.

The incident took place on Tuesday afternoon and police disclosed the details yesterday as they appealed for passengers on the crowded bus to come forward.

Last night, in an unconnected incident, detectives were questioning a man of 31 arrested after a bag snatcher produced a gun in a hotel near Piccadilly Circus. It happened a few hours after the incident on the bus. As the man ran away he fired from what police believe could be a starting pistol.

The gunman also approached a car driven by David Essex, the actor and singer, who was on his way to a theatre where he is appearing in *She Stoops to Conquer*. He said: "I heard him fire one shot at two men who looked like plain clothes policeman. I was really shocked. I thought, 'this is like a scene from a Western movie'."



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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Calcutta chess

AFTER *nine rounds of the* Goodricke International in Calcutta the lead is held by Sergei Tiviakov of Russia with 7.5 points out of 9 ahead of Georgadze (Georgia) in second place on 7, with Grandmasters Miles, Norwood and Conquest (all UK) sharing third place on 6.5. Tiviakov is a name to watch since he faces Michael Adams in the quarter-final match of the PCA World Championship qualifying competition.

Baroque leader

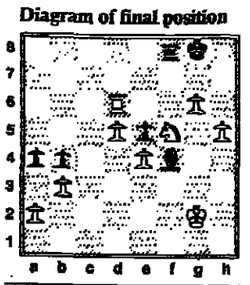
Ali Mortazavi has swept to the front at the Baroque International at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, by defeating the early leader Neil McDonald. McDonald declined an early draw but then had to watch helplessly as his kingside was annihilated.

White: Ali Mortazavi
Black: Neil McDonald
Baroque International, Simpson's, February 1994

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41	Rxd6	Bf4
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Diagram of final position



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Lords deal blow to campaigners for legal euthanasia

By Jonathan Prynn and Nigel Hawkes

THE campaign to legalise euthanasia has been set back by a report from peers that rejects the practice because of fears for the old and disabled.

The unanimous report, from the House of Lords' committee on medical ethics, will be seen as an unexpected blow for organisations that want to bring Britain into line with The Netherlands, where euthanasia is practised.

Campaigners against euthanasia had been concerned that reformers had a clear majority on the committee and were prepared for a report that recommended a change to the law to make euthanasia legal in some circumstances. The chairman, Lord Walton of Detchant, is a former president of the British Medical Association and was seen as sympathetic to the cause of legal euthanasia.

The report, which concludes "there should be no change in the law to permit euthanasia", comes almost a year after the committee was set up in the wake of the Tony Bland case.

Relatives and doctors successfully applied to the High Court and House of Lords to end life-prolonging treatment for Mr Bland, who had been in a persistent vegetative state since the 1989 Hillsborough stadium disaster. He died in March aged 22. The committee's report said that if the law permitted euthanasia, "vulnerable people — the elderly, sick or distressed — would feel pressure, whether real or imagined, to request early death".

The peers concluded that the message society sent to such people "should not, however obliquely, encourage them to seek death, but should assure them of our care and support in life".

The committee also made recommendations to improve the quality of life of the terminally ill, including more public support for the hospice movement and more research into pain relief.

The use of advance directives, or "living wills", in which people specify how they wish to be treated if they become incapable of making or communicating a decision, was commended, but only a code of practice rather than legislation was recommended. It also backed the idea of a judicial body to make decisions about termination of treatment, and research into a nationally accepted definition of persistent vegetative state.

Ann Winterton, Tory MP for Congleton and chairman of the all-party Pro-Life Group, was delighted by the report and said she planned to introduce legislation overturning the Bland judgment.

Chris Grant Docker, executive secretary of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society of Scotland, accused the committee of shirking the issue. "The responsibility given to Parliament to provide guidelines has simply been passed to doctors," he said.

John Oliver, general secretary of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society, said: "We didn't expect it to back euthanasia but we did expect it to recommend legislation on living wills."



Bland: died after legal action to stop treatment



MICHAEL POWELL

Charlie Chester, left, and John Snagge swapping D-Day experiences at the Imperial War Museum yesterday

Veterans tune in to D-Day memories

Two of the best known voices in British broadcasting were on parade yesterday at the preview of an exhibition featuring the dramatic events which followed the D-Day landings 50 years ago (John Young writes). It was John Snagge who announced the landings on the BBC Home Service at 9.32am on June 6, 1944. Charlie Chester, the Radio 2 personality, was a sergeant in the Royal Irish Fusiliers, whose "Stars in Battledress" unit was one of the first in Normandy. The exhibition, which opens tomorrow at the Imperial War Museum in London, takes visitors through the final months of the Second World War, from D-Day to the German surrender. To tell the story, it uses photographs, documents, letters and notebooks, weapons and uniforms. Among the more evocative exhibits is a Communion set belonging to Captain Leslie Skinner, an army chaplain who was attached to the Eighth Armoured Brigade. Captain Skinner used it to administer Communion to troops aboard the landing craft, and a notebook records the names of the men that he buried. Personalities joining Chester and Snagge at the preview included Major John Howard, who led the first Allied troops to land in Normandy by glider; Field Marshal Lord Bramall, former Chief of the General Staff, who landed on June 9 as a lieutenant in the King's Royal Rifle Corps; Arlette Gondrée-Pritchett, daughter of the owner of the Pegasus Bridge Café; and Christabel Leighton-Porter, the model for the *Jane* strip cartoon in the *Daily Mirror*.



Times wins top graphic award

THE TIMES has received the top award for best features graphic in the most prestigious international newspaper design awards. Geoffrey Sims, head of graphics, and Laura Sylvester won the silver medal for a graphic on the Second World War Battle of the Atlantic (detail, above) which appeared in a special supplement published by *The Times* last year to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The awards, judged by a jury of European and American academics and designers, are made annually by the Society of Newspaper Design and were announced this week in Spain.

The Times was the only British newspaper that won an award.

High Court in favour of 'bait' cars

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

POLICE use of "rat-trap" cars as bait with which to catch vehicle thieves won support in the High Court yesterday. In a test case, the judge said such traps were lawful as long as police moved quickly to make an arrest.

Lord Justice Kennedy, sitting with Mr Justice Scott Baker, said the practice of wiring cars to sound an alarm and lock automatically to trap a thief did not amount to unlawful imprisonment. But officers alerted by the alarm had to reach the vehicle and tell the trapped person he was under arrest "as soon as reasonably practicable".

To ensure the trapped person was correctly warned, the judge suggested police forces might consider fitting a device in their car traps which would advise the suspect that they were under arrest.

The court dismissed an appeal by Gary Dawes, of Brighton, against a Lewes Crown Court decision upholding his conviction by magistrates last year of unlawfully taking a car parked as a "bait" for thieves in Brighton in May 1992.

Police will not arrest tax cheats

By Ian Murray

POLICE have refused to arrest five men given prison sentences for failing to pay a total of £1,300 in community charges. The move means West Oxfordshire District Council will be forced to pay £750 for private enforcement officers to bring the men to justice.

Neil Robson, the council's chief executive, said yesterday: "It is a case of throwing good money after bad." He is to raise the issue with his local MP, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary.

Chief Insp Davinia Logan of Thames Valley police wrote to the council explaining that there was too much pressure on police time for officers to be involved in a civil matter. Police could be used only if there was a risk of violence, she said.

The five men have been given jail terms ranging from 13 to 48 days and owe sums of between £192 and £318.

The Association of London Authorities estimates that the cost of collecting the poll tax was around 6 per cent of the total raised — three times the cost of collecting rates.

Bafta awards attacked

By Alison Roberts, Arts Reporter

BRITISH television's version of the Oscars has been accused of succumbing to Hollywood hype and ignoring the nation's documentary tradition. The makers of programmes such as *Panorama* and *World In Action* are angry that the category in which they compete has been excluded from the main awards ceremony. Some are even considering a boycott in protest.

In a letter to *The Times* today the heads of factual programmes at five networks signal their unhappiness with the British Academy of Film and Television Arts' new awards structure which they claim relegates their work to the "second division".

This year the Bafta awards are divided into three. The most prestigious ceremony, at the Theatre Royal, includes awards for best film. The best factual series and best news coverage categories no longer appear with them.

Instead they are scheduled for an earlier ceremony, the Lloyds Bank Bafta Production Awards in Belfast.

Peter Salmon, controller of factual programmes at Channel 4, said: "This is just one Bafta problem after another."

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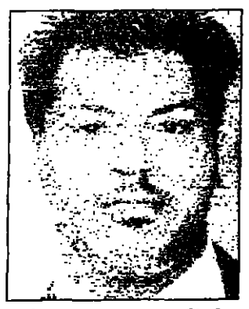
Woman's fatal attraction ends in life for wife's murder

BY RICHARD DUCE

A WOMAN who recruited her teenage son to carry out the "fatal attraction" murder of her driving instructor's wife was yesterday jailed for life at the Old Bailey.

As Rene Sampat was led to the cells, she shouted: "I am not guilty of murder. I am guilty of love." The judge ordered an enquiry into how the instructor, who was also a lay preacher, had initially been wrongly accused of the murder.

Sampat's son, Roy Aziz, 18, who stabbed Janet Marshall, a Sunday school teacher, to death at her home in Tottenham, north London, was also convicted of murder and ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure. Mrs Marshall's widower, Ancell Marshall, is considering taking legal action against the police.



Aziz: mother recruited him to carry out killing

Mr Marshall was cleared of the murder at a trial two years ago. While in custody he was refused permission to attend his wife's funeral.

Sampat, 37, a divorcee of Tottenham, had tried unsuccessfully to win the affection of Mr Marshall from the time he first gave her driving lessons in 1985. Although a Muslim, she had joined Mr Marshall's Christian church before resorting to a poison letter campaign designed to split the couple and then to plotting murder.

Graham Boal QC, for the defence, told Judge Richard Lowry she was a "woman who was obsessed to a point which could be described as mentally abnormal". He said: "You may think this had been realistically described as a fatal attraction and a fatal obsession."

Mr Marshall returned home in April 1991 to find his wife, 36, a mother of four, dead on the settee. She had been strangled and stabbed 15 times by Aziz, who lived with his mother. He was 16 at the time of the killing.

Mr Marshall said as he left court yesterday: "I am relieved, to say the least. I am considering taking civil action. But my main concern has always been that those responsible for my wife's murder be brought to justice. At first I was made a scapegoat in this murder inquiry."

He said Sampat was "demonic, wicked and obsessed. She has been used by the devil. She is evil in every way."

The court had heard how Sampat had forced gifts on Mr Marshall's children, decorated his family's home and organised a birthday celebration for his wife.

Sampat had claimed she had been raped on three occasions in an attempt to gain Mr Marshall's sympathy. She then wrote letters, one of which threatened that Mrs Marshall would die.

Mr Marshall told the court his wife had been "very caring, loving and always willing to help others". He said Sampat had begged for his love and had wanted to sleep with him. "I said it wouldn't be right because I was married and because of my involvement with the church," he said.

Det Supt Gavin Robertson, who led the second enquiry, said: "The sort of woman who can plan the death of a mother of four who had never done her any harm, and use her own 16-year-old son to do it, is beyond words. I accept aspects of the first inquiry were wrong, and we tried to right that wrong."

'Flying bishops' anger rebels

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE appointment of two "flying bishops" who will minister to Church of England parishes opposed to women priests was greeted with dismay yesterday by leading traditionalists.

Downing Street announced that the Queen has approved the appointment of the Ven John Gaisford, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, and the Ven John Richards, Archdeacon of Exeter, to oversee the care of those opposed to the ordination of women.

The two men are not as prominent in the movement against women priests as traditionalists had hoped. Prominent Anglo-Catholics said the appointments would not be accepted and one predicted that defections could double as a result.

The archdeacons will become the bishops of Beverley and Ebbsfleet respectively, two new suffragan sees created for the flying bishops, whose official titles will be "provincial episcopal visitors". A third see, Richborough, will remain unfilled for the time being.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Dr George Carey and Dr John Habgood, said in a joint statement that the two men had "great combined experience and wisdom" for what would be a "difficult and important role".

The archbishops said: "They have both opposed ordination of women to the priesthood but believe the arrangements provided by the [General] Synod enable them, and others also opposed, to remain with dignity and integrity within the Church of England."

But the Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York and a leading traditionalist, said: "When it came out that there were going to be two instead of three flying bishops, that they were both over 59 and that one was going to be Bishop of Ebbsfleet, a sandbank off the Kent coast, I wrote to both archbishops warning that it would be regarded as a betrayal. And that is precisely what has happened. I am afraid they are not accepted. It will double the number of people who leave. It looks as if the flying bishops are an attempt at terminal care."

The Rev Francis Bown, chairman of the Anglo-Catholic society Ecclesia, announced immediately that he is to join the Anglican Catholic Church, a body originating in the United States.

He said: "The system of flying bishops is nothing more than a cynical attempt at a sleight of hand to keep the Church of England show on the road." Dr Habgood said critics had not appreciated the need for the bishops to work not only with opponents to women priests but also with bishops of pro-women dioceses.



Archdeacon Gaisford and Archdeacon Richards at Lambeth Palace yesterday

Church reformer to tackle confusion

BY OUR RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE next Bishop of Durham, who is to head a review of the Church of England's central policy and management machinery, promised yesterday to tackle confused decision-making and inefficiency.

The Right Rev Michael Turnbull, who is at present Bishop of Rochester, said: "My starting point is the complexity of making decisions. There are questions about where these decisions are made and how appropriate they are, questions about episcopal authority, synodical government, the Church Commissioners and the two archbishops.

"There is scope for a good deal of confusion for a church which is wanting to be precise in its mission."

The overhaul of what Bishop Turnbull described as a clumsy and cumbersome structure was announced yesterday at Lambeth Palace, the London home of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey.

The bishop said that different parts of the church had evolved on a parliamentary, monastic and business pattern, and these "do not sit easily together". The church's role was "preaching the gospel and developing a holy life for the nation", aims which were not easily definable in business terms.

"Nevertheless, I think there are ways in which we can make the church a more efficient heart for our nation," Bishop Turnbull said.

The complex relationships between the General Synod, the commissioners and the Archbishops of Canterbury and York will be scrutinised. Far-reaching changes are expected to be recommended. The 1,000-year-old parish church system is expected to be examined, although not jettisoned. The commission will report next summer.

The trigger for the commission was a recommendation of the Lambeth Group set up by Dr Carey following £800 million losses in asset values and allegations of flawed financial management by the Church Commissioners.

NEWS IN BRIEF

£2m to evict sheep from moorland

Severn Trent Water will receive up to £2 million from taxpayers so it can remove 3,000 sheep from heather moorland in Wales. The payment by the Countryside Council for Wales is part of a plan to revive 11,000 acres of unique hillside habitat at Lake Vyrnwy, Powys, for birds.

The payment to the water company, which owns the land, comes in the form of £49,500 profit a year for 40 years — £16.50 per ewe removed. The area is the biggest site of special scientific interest in Wales and has suffered from overgrazing.

Dentist charged

A dentist has been charged with manslaughter following the death of a woman at his surgery. Stephen Stuart, 46, is accused over the death of Marie Everett, 67, of Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Perfume seized

Trading Standards officers have seized fake perfumes worth nearly £1 million in a raid at Denton, Greater Manchester, after electricity workers broke in to disconnect the supply.

Rapes linked

Police believe the man who raped a 24-year-old woman yards from Brighton police station may have struck twice before. He was described as 5ft 8in tall, of medium build with a pale complexion.

Rider killed

Katy Jenkins, an 18-year-old secretary of Alveston, Avon, died after she fell from her horse and was kicked in the head when the horse was frightened in traffic. An inquest will be held.

Monkeys stolen

Thieves stole 18 rare monkeys in a raid on Exmoor Bird Gardens in Devon. Some were part of a breeding programme for endangered species.

Camel chaos

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BT tests TV sent over the phone

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Telecom has signalled its intention of becoming a big player in the entertainment business by launching tests of its video-on-demand system. It will enable films and television programmes to be delivered down ordinary telephone lines.

One hundred employees living near BT's research centre in Martlesham, Suffolk, will sample the new service. They can place telephone orders for up to 200 hours of programming from the BBC, London Weekend Television, Kingfisher, the retail group, and Pearson, the media group which owns Thames Television.

Steve Maine, BT's director of visual and broacast services, said the new service would enable people to schedule programmes from the comfort of their armchairs. "Imagine having access to all of the programming that has ever been produced, or which might be produced in the future," he said. "Imagine it as a row of recorded material instantly available in your own living room."

Mr Maine said further tests among 2,500 members of the public would take place later in the year in Colchester, Essex. There has been considerable speculation about the tests, but this is the first time BT has confirmed them.

The service, which could be launched nationally from next year, is made possible by the compression of programmes into digital signals which are sent down telephone lines without impeding the use of the telephone.

Customers are likely to be charged for individual programmes, with the tariff included on their telephone bill. BT hopes eventually to offer video games as well as films, and the company is experimenting with programmes such as a home shopping show which allows the viewer to find out where the presenter bought his or her clothes.

BT is banned from offering broadcast entertainment over its telephone network until 2001, but the Independent Television Commission has indicated that the company could offer video services to customers. The tests are expected to cost BT up to £75 million.



Warrington boys unlawfully killed

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE two boys who died in the IRA bomb attack on Warrington were unlawfully killed, a coroner ruled yesterday, but police admitted they were no nearer to finding the killers.

Two bombs exploded in a crowded shopping centre on Saturday, March 20, last year. Tim Parry, 12, and Johnathan Ball, 3, were killed by the second bomb, planted in a litter bin. The IRA admitted carrying out the attack.

Colin Parry, father of Tim, who had been shopping for football shorts, said after the resumed inquest that it was "regrettably unlikely" his son's killers would be caught.

Speaking outside the inquest at Warrington, he said: "I would like to stress that it is not through any lack of police endeavours, but it is such an enormous and difficult task, without inside information being passed confidentially to the police, to expect an arrest in a case like this. It is like looking for a needle in a haystack."

John Hibbert, the Cheshire coroner, appealed for "someone with a conscience" to come forward with information about the bombings.

The inquest was told that Tim Parry died five days after the explosion as a result of head and face injuries. Johnathan Ball, who had also been standing near the litter bin that contained the bomb, died instantly from shrapnel wounds. Seventy-one other people were hurt.

Mr Hibbert said: "No one has been charged with causing these two deaths yet. One hopes that in due time there will be. Perhaps there is someone with a conscience who has the knowledge of some clue that could assist the police."

The parents of the two boys, and Tim's brother and sister, attended the 32-minute inquest. During the hearing Mr Parry asked Det Chief Insp Mick Holland to clarify whether any warnings about the bombs had been given by the IRA. The officer replied that two telephone calls had been made 30 minutes before the bombings but they warned of bombs in Manchester and Liverpool and gave no indication of devices planted in Warrington.

Afterwards Mr Holland said: "We don't know whether this was an accidental mistake or purposeful." He said he still had no idea who had planted the bombs despite interviewing nearly 10,000 people. He said 100 officers had worked on the case initially, but only ten detectives were now involved, following up 20 to 30 outstanding leads.



Tim Parry: died five days after the blast

Mr Parry, 47, a personnel manager, said he had found the inquest more upsetting than he had expected. "I didn't think it would be a particular strain but I found it was when I got there." He explained that there were now many days and weeks when the family did not relive the event with the kind of intensity that had been necessary yesterday.

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Tories count on Santa factor for face-saving victory in council elections

By Ian Murray

Father Christmas and Dame Shirley Porter could hold the key to victory in two of the councils the Tories must win in the May local elections if they are to prevent a Labour landslide. In a third, the outcome is likely to turn on how well electors understand the arcane formula for transitional relief on council tax.

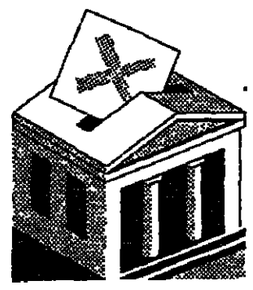
The main battleground will be London, where the Conservatives are almost resigned to losing their strongholds at Croydon and Ealing. Their only hope is to hang on to Westminster and Wandsworth, both of which claim the lowest council tax in England. They boast that this is made possible by the efficient management which is only possible with Tory control.

If these councils can be held, then the Central Office spin doctors will seek to obscure the scale of defeat elsewhere by claiming that voters who have experienced it know that Tory local government works.

Labour's problem is that it did so well in 1990 that it can scarcely improve on its score. This factor has even given the Tories hope that they can recapture Birmingham, which they lost to Labour ten years ago. If Birmingham — the largest city council in Europe — were taken, then the Government would try to claim victory, whatever the scale of defeat elsewhere.

In Birmingham, Father Christmas is being turned into the big issue. Local feeling ran high when the council put up a new set of festive lights without any traditional symbols, reportedly for fear of upsetting ethnic communities.

Teresa Stewart, the Labour leader, says the lights were designed to stay up through the winter: "Father Christmas would just look plain silly in February." She wants to steer the campaign back to the main issue of taxation. "We have managed to cut our council tax and improve services this year, even though the Government is putting up tax nationally. That shows how well we are really managing things."



The Tories are not prepared to let the issue go. Michael Dolley, their agent, says: "We are seriously considering basing our campaign on the slogan: 'Vote Tory to bring back Santa Claus'." He believes the subject will be a bigger vote winner than education. An independent report last year found that the city spent £250 million less on schools over the past five years while lavishing money on prestige developments.

There are 60 Labour, 42 Tory and 13 Liberal Democrat councillors in Birmingham. Tories are defending only six of the 39 seats up for election and believe the Santa factor will help them to destroy Labour's overall majority.

In Westminster the District Auditor's provisional finding that the Tories under Dame Shirley Porter were guilty of gerrymandering is sure to be at the back of voters' minds, even though both main parties deny it. Peter Bradley, the Labour leader, says: "We intend to leave people to draw their own conclusions about the dreadful corruption in Westminster and put forward a positive manifesto to show why they should vote Labour."

But he blames the homes-for-votes issue in advance if Labour fails to overturn a 45-14 Tory majority. "Gerrymandering has gone very deep and the demography has been scarred by it," he says. "The Conservatives claim that their tax level is among the very lowest, but that has been achieved at enormous cost. The auditor's report found that the homes-for-votes policy cost £21.25 million, or £193 for each elector."

Miles Young, the Tory leader, says: "It is utterly preposterous that these unproven allegations could affect the outcome of the election. What people will vote for is a council which will provide them with the best services at the cheapest price."

Wandsworth, where the Conservative takeover in 1978 foreshadowed the Tory victory in the 1979 general election, has become the test bed for radical Tory policies such as selling housing stock and competitive tendering for services.

They have cut staff, contracted out services to save £89 million a year, sold 19,000 council homes for £400 million and saved so much money that they have the lowest council tax of any big borough.

That has helped them to a 48-13 majority on the council, which Labour knows will be difficult to overturn. Terry Belton, the Labour leader, says: "There have been huge reductions in services ... For that they have been rewarded with a transitional grant which is 23 times higher than the national average. What voters have to realise is that there will be no transitional benefits at all next year, so that relief won't be available."

Lilley pleads with right to back Major leadership

By Nicholas Wood and Jill Sherman

PETER Lilley last night issued a dramatic plea to the Tory right to back John Major and abandon thoughts of a leadership challenge this year.

The Social Security Secretary, one of the so-called Cabinet "bastards" scorned by the Prime Minister in the summer, chose a private meeting of the parliamentary party's biggest faction, the right-wing 92 Group, to deliver his plea. He said: "The vast majority of this group backed John Major to become Prime Minister. We made the right choice. He was the right choice to win the general election. He is the best leader to win in May and June [the council and European elections]. He is the only person who can lead a united party to victory in the next general election."

Mr Lilley's endorsement of Mr Major came as right-wingers were plunged into confusion over the future of Sir George Gardiner, their leader for the past decade, who was rebuffed by the Prime Minister two weeks ago for daring to suggest the shape of the next Cabinet reshuffle.

As the 92 Group dinner began last night, right-wingers proclaiming their loyalty to Mr Major were suggesting that Sir Anthony Durant, 66, a former whip, might stand against Sir George. One leading loyalist said Sir George needed his wings clipped and that even if Sir Anthony did not win it would send "the right message to Sir George".

Sir George, 58, who has been criticised by Tory MPs for questioning Mr Major's leadership, was expected to try to head off the challenge by promising to step down before the next election. His message was forecast to be that he would pass on the baton in the next year or two to a younger member of the 92 Group. Sir George, a member of the 1970s "gang of four" who propelled Margaret Thatcher to the top, wants to ensure that his legacy is protected by the rising generation of the right. If the chairmanship of the 92 is contested, it will be settled by a postal ballot in the next few weeks.

Mr Lilley, the guest speaker at last night's dinner, told Tory MPs that they could win the political battles of the 1990s by keeping Mr Major at the helm. He was the best person to maintain party unity and carry forward the intellectual revolution begun under Baroness Thatcher.

Amid renewed feuding between left and right over Europe, Mr Lilley pointed to the Prime Minister's *Economist* article — dismissing a single currency as a "rain dance" — as a platform to unite both wings. He reminded the right that Mr Major had been their candidate in the 1990 leadership contest and that it was no time to ditch him now.

Tory MPs interpreted his remarks as a signal that right-wing ministers continue to believe that they must keep Mr Major at the helm for fear of handing power to a centre-left candidate such as Kenneth Clarke or Michael Heseltine. Michael Portillo, the darling of the right, is seen as too young and too inexperienced to stand a realistic chance of winning a leadership contest.



MP sets the taxman on Commons staff

By Arthur Leathley
Political Correspondent

A TORY MP has risked alienating his Commons colleagues by blowing the whistle on MPs' staff who escape the taxman's clutches.

Michael Stern, an accountant, accused the Inland Revenue of failing to track down payments made by MPs to secretaries and researchers for travel costs, car allowances and private medical insurance. The payments should be declared, but Mr Stern said that MPs risked being "criminalised" because of the taxman's failure to put pressure on Commons fees office, which makes payments on behalf of MPs. Non-declaration of benefits in kind can land an MP, as the employer, with a £300 initial fine and a £60 fine for each subsequent day that the details are not declared.

"We are talking about a very considerable loss of money because the Inland Revenue haven't done their job," said Mr Stern, MP for Bristol North West.

More than 1,600 MPs' staff are paid through the Commons fees office but it is the responsibility of the member of staff to declare any benefits in kind on which tax might be payable. It is likely that hundreds of former staff may also be caught under rules allowing the taxman to claim up to six years' back tax. "Most of them just don't know what should and should not be declared and it is up to the Inland Revenue to chase it up."

Mr Stern admitted that he will not have won many friends among Commons staff. "I won't be walking down any dark alleys round Westminster," he said.

Rebels call for retreat over county reforms

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

A HARD core of Tory rebels yesterday renewed their pressure on the Government to retreat over plans to cut away a tier of local government.

During environment questions David Curry, the Local Government Minister, was asked by Anthony Steen (C, South Hams), whether the Government would back down after recent High Court rulings in favour of the existing two-tier system. Mr Steen also quoted a MORI poll showing that constituents favoured the status quo.

At least 30 Tory backbenchers oppose plans for unitary authorities to replace the two-tier system. David Heathcoat-Amory, a Foreign Office minister, has said he will vote against the Bill, and several cabinet ministers have quietly said that they do not want to see the county map redrawn.

Mr Curry said yesterday that "the Government firmly believes that unitary authorities are often the best way of achieving more efficient local government". Privately he has said he will need to whip the Bill through both Houses.

In a Commons written reply yesterday he also offered a sweetner, saying that the Isle of Wight and Cleveland — expected to be the first to change — would be allowed to borrow up to £9 million extra to pay for the changes.

Around the Lobby

Commons truce rejected

John Smith last night rejected pleas for a scaling down of Labour's policy of non co-operation with the Government, saying it would continue until the Government met demands for fairer debate.

Tories on the Trade and Industry Select Committee demanded that Richard Caborn, the Labour committee chairman, persuade his party leaders to end their "unacceptable interference" in select committee work. They dropped a vote of no-confidence in Mr Caborn, tabled in protest at Labour's ban on its MPs travelling overseas on committee business.

New peer

Sir Patrick Wright, head of the Diplomatic Service from 1986 to 1991, took his seat in the Lords as Lord Wright of Richmond. Lord Wright, who is 62, will sit on the crossbenches.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland; Prime Minister. Debate on the Royal Navy.
Lords (3): Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, third reading.

Cracked notes in crime fanfare

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

Michael Howard has discovered there are few worse jobs in British politics than to become Home Secretary and to follow Kenneth Clarke into that office at Queen Anne's Gate.

The Home Secretary arrived in the job with two clear priorities. One was to tackle crime, the other was to be seen to tackle crime. The steep increase in recorded crime had fuelled public alarm about law and order. Even worse for the Government, Tony Blair's "tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime" approach triggered Tory alarm that Labour had seized the initiative on law and order.

He hit the ground running, determined to ensure that law and order remained a key weapon in the Tory electoral armoury. It has never been difficult to win a cheer from the Tory faithful at the party conference on the subject. Mr Howard was duly rewarded after a stirring speech offering a 27-point plan promising remedies to tackle crime. He found it just as easy to win a series of "Howard cracks down" type headlines as he unveiled one after another of the points, ranging from cutting police paperwork to giving prison governors greater disciplinary powers.

Many of his ideas received general support and were needed to redress public anxiety that the criminal justice system is weighted in favour of the offender, following a highly publicised series of miscarriages of justice. Others, such as the plan to allow Neighbourhood Watches to patrol the streets and his announcement of increases in the maximum fine for possession of cannabis, were greeted with opposition. The Home Secretary was clearly taken aback that the Police Federation and Magistrates' Association were critical of the planned fivefold increase in the fine for cannabis possession.

Making the announcements and winning applause was the easy part. A less driven man and, his critics say, one less interested in headlines, would have spotted the pitfalls of the Clarke inheritance.

With his eye firmly on the more populist aspects of the Criminal Justice Bill, Mr Howard and the rest of the Government gave less attention to the Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill. Ministers appear to have believed there was support for reform of the police and that the prescription of greater control from the centre would raise little opposition. Introducing the Bill in the Lords was a measure of their confidence.

But changing the structure and duties of police authorities will alter the distribution of power between local committees, the chief constable and the Home Secretary. Mr Howard's stated objective is to give chief constables greater control over resources and police authorities more influence over strategy.

The imposition of Home Office nominees on to police authorities raised fears that they would be little more than party placemen. According to his critics, notably Viscount Whitelaw, the unforseen consequence was a move towards a national police force. With ministers focused on rebellion in the Commons, the business managers appear to have suffered a drastic failure of intelligence on how the Lords would react.

Police and local authorities had a fertile recruiting ground among former Home Secretaries and Conservative peers with roots in the shire counties, where opposition to the changes runs deep. They have given Mr Howard some of his worst headlines since becoming Home Secretary. His advisers are already gauging opinion in the Commons, where it is by no means certain the Bill will receive an easier passage.



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Hurd makes first official visit since 1940

Britain embraces Baltic statehood

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN RIGA

DOUGLAS Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, arrived in Latvia yesterday for the first official British visit to the republic since the Soviet invasion of 1940. He told the foreign ministers of all three Baltic states that the way back to Europe was open to them and that the West considered their independence to be irreversible.

"These are countries that used to belong to the European family," Mr Hurd said. "They were stolen or kidnapped from the European family and they are returning to that family. They are entitled to their freedom."

After separate talks with the three foreign ministers, he also announced that Britain would join the Nordic countries in training a 650-man joint Baltic peacekeeping battalion capable of being deployed in United Nations operations worldwide. It is a move intended to underline that the three states, still struggling to escape the shadow of Moscow's domination, are to be fully absorbed into the international community as quickly as possible.

Mr Hurd went to Riga on Tuesday after talks in Moscow with Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, in an attempt to reassure the Baltic states that Britain supports their aim of securing the withdrawal of Soviet troops remaining in Latvia and Estonia by the official deadline of the end of August this year.

Moscow has angered Riga and Tallinn by linking the withdrawal to the question of citizenship rights for ethnic Russians. Even the liberal Mr Kozyrev, apparently in an effort to please Russia's vociferous nationalist lobby, hinted recently that the exodus may be delayed pending agreement on pension and citizenship rights for the former Soviet military.

Yesterday, however, Mr Hurd made clear that he did not accept such a linkage, saying: "Russia has interests and concerns in the three countries, but we will make it clear at every opportunity that Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia are free and independent countries. Whether they have outside troops on their soil is a matter for them to decide. Other matters are separate and to be negotiated."

Mr Hurd also rejected an earlier implication by Mr Kozyrev that Russian troops could have a peacekeeping role in the Baltics. He delighted his hosts by emphasising that "the Baltic states are not asking the Russians to come; they are asking the Russians to go".

The visit was designed to reassure the Baltics that they will not be disappointed in looking to the West for trade and security ties. All three have signed up to Nato's Partnership for Peace plan.

Queen's visit, pages 1, 5



Norma Major meeting pupils at a ballet school in Moscow yesterday. Its best dancers go on to join the Bolshoi

MPs leave ranks of 'crazy' Zhirinovsky

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

VLADIMIR Zhirinovsky, the Russian neo-Fascist leader, yesterday suffered his first political setback since last December's election success when two senior deputies from his party quit its parliamentary group, and called on the membership to drop their leader.

Viktor Kobelev told the Duma (Lower House) that he and Alexander Pronin were leaving in protest at what he called Mr Zhirinovsky's crazy tricks. He said that the leader's recent statements, especially those made abroad, had not been sanctioned by the Liberal Democratic Party. In recent weeks, Mr Zhirinovksy has succeeded in infuriating virtually every European nation, in a way that may please some Russians but makes it less likely that the elite would seek an alliance with him.

Mr Zhironovksy countered by claiming that the two men had already been expelled from the party for behaviour incompatible with the high rank of a Liberal Democrat member, Duma deputy and Russian citizen. Mr Kobelev, however, said he could be expelled only by the party congress in April, and would fight Mr Zhirinovsky there.

Mr Kobelev, a member of the party's supreme council, has also threatened to disclose damaging information about Mr Zhirinovsky. "I worked as the head of the party apparatus for a year and I know everything about it from A to Z. I am a dangerous person in this respect."

Since the origins of the party in 1990, there has been strong interest in who actually founded and funded it. Suspicion has focused on the KGB or the military intelligence, the GRU. No hard evidence has been found, but Mr Zhirinovksy's work on a trade delegation in Turkey in 1969 is often offered as a suggestion that he has long-standing intelligence links.

Anatoli Sobchak, the mayor of St Petersburg, claimed that the party was created by the KGB in 1990 on the orders of Mikhail Gorbachev, in order to split the democratic vote and keep President Yeltsin from power. Mr Sobchak claims to have evidence of a Politburo meeting at which this decision was allegedly taken.

Mr Gorbachev has denied that he was party to a decision to create the Zhirinovsky phenomenon, but has said it is possible that it was created by some form within the KGB. "Beyond doubt, someone recognised his talents and they plan to use them in the future," he told a newspaper last month.

In April 1991, Mr Zhirinovsky ousted the party's co-founder, Leonid Alimov, and seized full control for himself. Why Mr Kobelev and Mr Pronin have decided to break ranks now is not clear. Mr Zhirinovsky's "crazy tricks" in recent weeks have been no crazier than those he has been performing for years. If hidden forces did indeed create the Liberal Democrat leader, it may be they are now working to destroy him.

Kohl allies torn by Nazi dispute

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

ONE of the pillars of the Bonn government, the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), which runs Bavaria, was in a state of embarrassing disarray yesterday and under fire for adopting far-right, even neo-Nazi rhetoric.

The party's traditional Ash Wednesday rally in Passau, dominated for decades by the late Franz Josef Strauss, merely highlighted the gap between his successful era and the present leadership.

Yesterday, at a parallel rally in a Bavarian beer tent, Franz Schönhuber, the former Waffen SS trooper who leads the Republicans, predicted that his party, separated by only the thinnest of margins from neo-Nazis, would win 15 per cent of the vote this year. The CSU is certainly nervous about the Republicans.

Edmund Stoiber, the CSU Bavarian Prime Minister, has been trying to defend his flanks from the far right by dressing up as a Euro-sceptic. At the grassroots, however, CSU activists are busy stealing the racist slogans of the Republicans.

A private meeting between Max Streibl, the former CSU chief, and Herr Schönhuber has sown further confusion. Could Herr Streibl be planning to join the Republicans, or help them in some way?

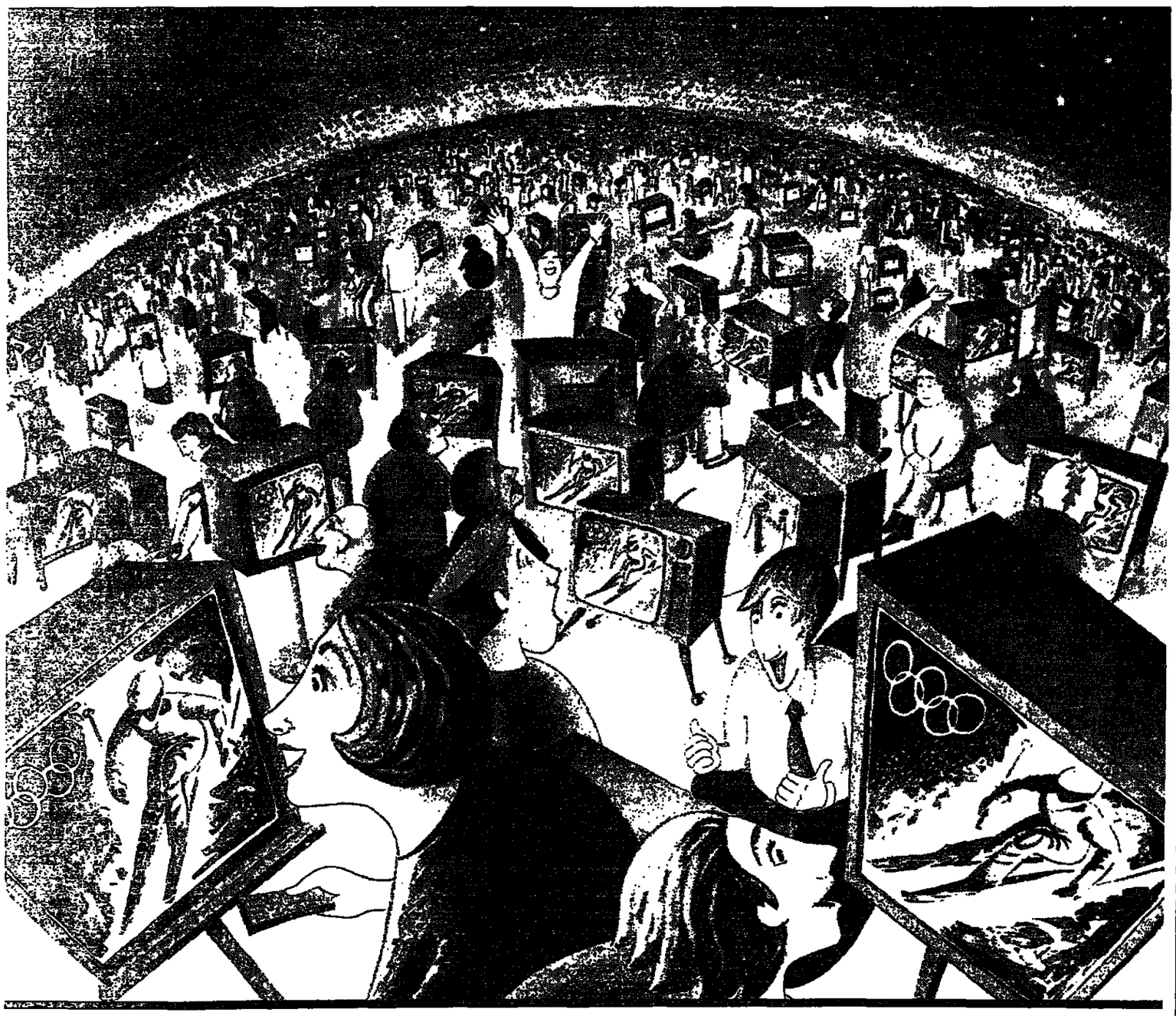
Other defections were also in the air yesterday. Herr Stoiber is determined to cut loose Peter Gauweiler, his brash, controversial Environment Minister who has been accused of making undue profits from his lawyer's chambers in Munich. But Herr Gauweiler has been refusing to go quietly.

Although Herr Stoiber has lined up a popular choice to replace Herr Gauweiler, probably the politically ambitious daughter of Strauss, he is in trouble; and so, by extension, is Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor.



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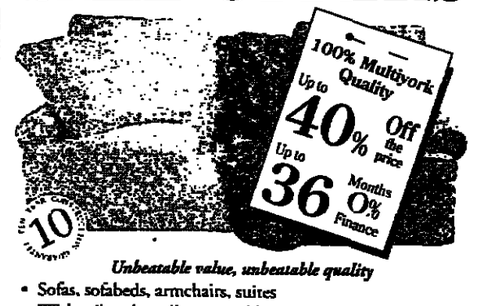
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Bosnia conflict reinforces Westminster ideological divide



Gladstone: aroused popular fury over atrocities in Bulgaria

*While the question of British involvement in the Balkans has produced some odd political alliances, **Peter Riddell** argues that MPs are largely following party precedents in deciding what should be done*



GLADSTONE at least would have understood. But the political line-up in Britain over Bosnia-Herzegovina has puzzled many. Tony Benn stands in agreement with Conservative knights of the shire and Ulster Unionists about the dangers of greater military involvement, while Baroness Thatcher appears on the side of Labour left-wingers such as Clare Short and Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, urging a more active British approach.

Such contradictions have abounded in the past. The right has never been automatically jingoistic, while the left has, despite a semi-pacifist minority, often favoured military action. It has depended on the nature of the conflict. The right has backed action when British interests have been directly at stake, while the left has favoured a more internationalist approach, protecting minorities and upholding human rights. Its support for the League of Nations in the 1930s has translated into backing for the United Nations now. Right and left have clashed when there is no agreement on the British interest. Liberal left-wingers, led by David Lloyd George, opposed the Tories over the Boer War, and the Asquith Cabinet was divided about intervenion in what became the First World War. In 1956, Hugh Gaitskell became highly unpopular over his opposition to British involvement in the Suez crisis, and Labour leaders were against what they saw as neo-imperialist actions to quell rebellions in the colonies during the 1950s.

By contrast, Gladstone roused popular fury over atrocities in Bulgaria, while Labour opposed Neville Chamberlain's non-interventionist approach to the Spanish Civil War. The Attlee Government rapidly commited British troops to the defence of South Korea. In general, the left has offered public support when British troops have been at risk: to avoid being accused of lack of patriotism. Michael Foot supported the Government during the Falklands conflict, as did Neil Kinnock in the Gulf War. On both occasions, two to three dozen Labour left-wingers strongly opposed the deployment of British troops.

The atrocities in Bosnia have touched the internationalist nerves of the left, hence Mr Ashdown's energetic advocacy of a tougher Western line is an echo of what Gladstone would have said. Labour spokesmen such as Jack Cunningham and David Clark have urged stronger British support for UN resolutions, including the use of air power. However, some left-wingers and pro-Arab MPs have wanted explicit backing for the Muslims.

Interventionism has only been backed by a few on the right, notably Lady Thatcher and some of her intellectual allies. However, Thatcherites in the Cabinet, such as Michael Portillo, have been among the most cautious. MPs with close military links like Sir Nicholas Bonsor and Peter Viggers have opposed military action because of the risk to British troops, while members of the populist right and nationalists such as Nicholas Budgen have argued that British interests are not at stake.

The left has given immediate support to the UN request for more troops. Dr Clark said yesterday that if the UN general on the ground felt that more troops were necessary, Britain should more than play its part in sending them to enforce the Sarajevo ceasefire. He added that it was time for America to put some soldiers on the ground. Similarly, Mr Ashdown said it was vital that "the Serbs understand we are prepared to give our commander on the ground the backing he needs and the the forces he needs".

Many of the right fear that the request will lead to an open-ended commitment and would privately like the forces already there to be withdrawn if there is any retaliation. The issue will be discussed by the Cabinet this morning. Despite appeals to other countries to do their bit, senior ministers believe that, in practice, they will have to back up whatever Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose wants.

Rose begins mission to convince city war is over

■ The goals that the UN commander is pursuing have much in common with those of his predecessors. The difference is that he has the threat of force to back him up



Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, left, the UN Bosnia commander, an aide, and General Jean Cot, the French commander, with Ejup Ganic, the Bosnian Vice-President, in Sarajevo

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

NOW that the guns have fallen silent around Sarajevo, even if only temporarily, Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose is embarking on the next step in his bold peace plan: convincing residents and combatants the war is over.

"This is a campaign more about people's attitudes really than shooting people," he said.

In a city that has been under almost constant bombardment, sniper attack and blockade for almost two years, even civilians are having trouble coping with the first stages of peace — the calm. "It has been quiet 20 or 30 times before and it always starts again." Uzere Deljkovic, a retired lorry driver, said as he walked home from the market. "When it's like this, it is worse. It was quiet the day of the [marketplace] massacre."

Four months ago Mr Deljkovic, 59, was shot in the shoulder by a sniper as he went on a similar errand. "I don't believe in peace," he said. "I am afraid someone will shoot us right here, right now."

General Rose, who assumed command of the United Nations forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina last month, hopes that the latest ceasefire will hold under the threat of Nato air strikes. The next move is to restore some sense of normality and to make the capital's residents forget about fighting. He plans to act quickly to restore utilities, restart postal and rubbish services, and to open commercial and civilian routes into and out of the city.

"Hopefully, life will slowly return to normal when people begin to realise the men in the hills with guns are an irrelevancy and then the men in the hills will begin to realise it themselves," he said.

On the face of it, these seem rather simple and reasonable goals. The question is whether a man who commanded the SAS and was educated at Oxford and the Sorbonne can steer a course through the murky and treacherous world of Balkan politics. Both his predecessors were unsuccessful. General Philippe Morillon, the first commander of UN troops in Bosnia, was so lulled by his confidence that he declared the war in Bosnia to be almost over. That was in the autumn of 1992.

General Morillon was followed by General Francis Briquemont, the Belgian who concentrated his efforts on Operation Lifeline. The plan was to open new routes into Sarajevo for aid convoys, restore utilities to the city, and to return Bosnia to peace. Rubbish was cleared and tram lines were repaired, but peace was no nearer.

The common failing for both generals was their false confidence in their ability to negotiate agreements that would stick. Both left the post exhausted with the frustration of thwarted deals. General Rose has taken over with many of the same ideas, but under entirely different circumstances. First and foremost, he negotiates with a threat of force behind him. In Bosnia, that credible threat of force makes all the difference.

Even before the Nato ultimatum, General Rose's impressive combat experience in Yemen, the Falkland Islands and Northern Ireland put on notice the commanders and leaders who so often signed agreements that they never meant to keep.

Now that a ceasefire is holding, the general and his staff hope normalisation may succeed where it has failed in the past.

Pressure on Britain, page 1

British radar to pinpoint mortars for air crews

BY MICHAEL EVANS
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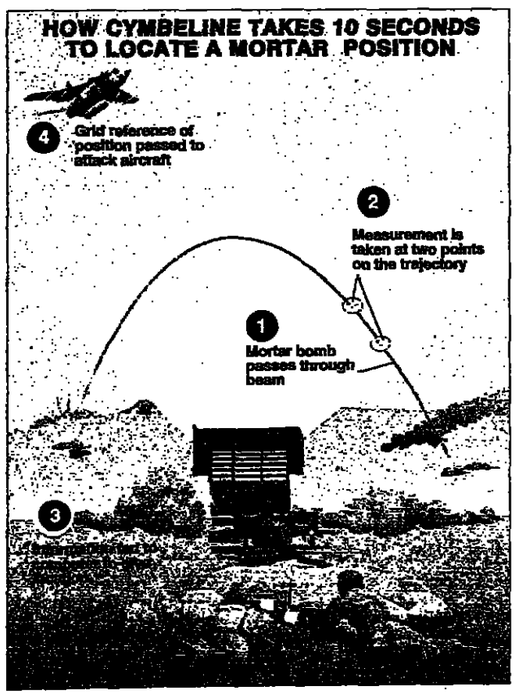
BRITISH-designed mortar locating devices, which can pinpoint the precise firing position of any gunner violating the Sarajevo ceasefire, are being deployed four days before Nato's deadline.

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Apathy rules in Serb HQ town

FROM TIM JUDAH IN PALE

THREE cups of urine sat on the bar or, at least, what used to be the bar. Pale, the Bosnian Serb headquarters town, had no hospital before the war because its sick went to Sarajevo. So now a hospital has been improvised in a hotel, where the bar is now the laboratory.

Yesterday saw business as usual in the hospital — with one exception. Preparations were being made to take in the wounded should Nato make good its threat to launch air strikes on the Bosnian Serb artillery positions above Sarajevo, 12 miles away.

According to Bratislav Borkovac, the hospital's chief surgeon, all medical staff have been placed on 24-hour alert. Only patients in the most critical condition are now being admitted, and beds are being dragged down to the cellars "in case this building takes a direct hit".

Despite his protestations that his hospital is braced for any assault, there is still an air of unreality. Even preparations in the basement are hardly impressive, and only two beds have been set up.

Certainly the lesson concerning the large numbers of civilians who died in Baghdad during the Gulf War air raids does not appear to have been absorbed. An attempt to talk to civil defence officials failed, with few people even knowing who is in charge.

But Dragan Bozanic, political editor of Bosnian Serb television, Channel S, said no preparations were being made for the civilian population. He was not even preparing scripts of basic advice. "I really didn't think about that," he said. "In case air strikes come, I have have no idea what we will do. Perhaps some politicians will come here or men from army HQ."

After a long explanation of the apparent fact that there were no basements in Pale and that Serbs could not run away from their own land, Mr Bozanic finally got down to the nub. "Above all," he said, "the military and the people are 90 per cent convinced that nothing will happen."

Greece cuts off Macedonia as tension grows

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

NERVES were frayed throughout the Balkans yesterday with Greece effectively blockading the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia and the entire region braced for possible Nato air strikes.

The decision by Athens to close its consulate in Skopje, the republic's capital, and prevent it using the vital Greek port of Salonika came as tensions rose sharply in countries bordering Bosnia and Serbia. President Tudjman of Croatia declared outright opposition to air raids on Bosnian Serb positions. Hungary is refusing to allow alliance planes to use its air space for strikes, and Albanians in Kosovo complain of increasing Serb oppression.

Romania and Bulgaria are deeply unhappy about the effects on their own economies of United Nations sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia. Balkan nations, fearful of a wider war, are also uncertain of Russia's long-term intentions.

Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, said after an emergency Cabinet meeting yesterday that his government was halting the movement of all goods to and from Salonika "except those which are absolutely necessary for humanitarian reasons". The decision, effective immediately, was taken because of Skopje's "intransigence" and "aggressive behaviour".

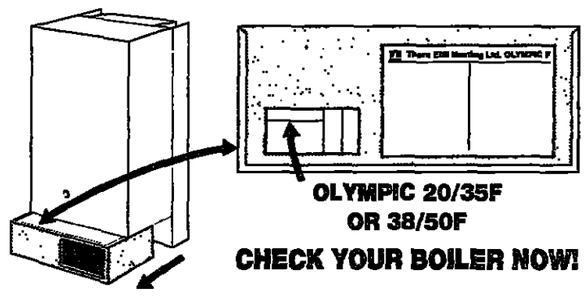
Many Greeks say their government has not done enough to stop international recognition of the former Yugoslav republic, which Greeks believe has usurped a Greek name. About 50,000 people, encouraged by Orthodox clergy, marched in Salonika on Tuesday, stoning the windows of the city's American consulate after Washington extended diplomatic recognition to Skopje last week.

Mr Tudjman declared his opposition to Nato air strikes during a visit to Romania. The Croatian leader said the threats could lead only to more clashes.

Croatia, meanwhile, faces its own deadline from the UN. It has been told that Croatian troops must leave Bosnia by today, or the Security Council will take active measures towards implementing sanctions against Zagreb.

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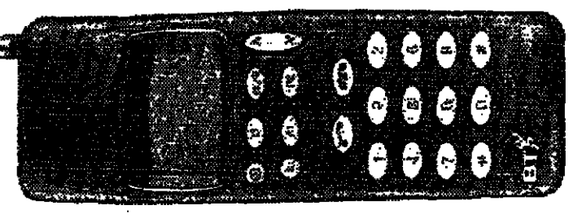
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Mystery Mexican rebel shows how to win media war



"Marcos" talking to Amada Avendano, the editor of *El Tiempo* newspaper, as part of his sophisticated public relations exercise

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

■ The enigmatic "Marcos" is waging a guerrilla campaign with the literacy, style and wit of a Jesuit. From behind his mask, he is baring the social and economic ills of a nation

WEARING a bandoleer of red shotgun cartridges over a waterproof jacket and a thick black poncho, "Sub-Commander Marcos" spoke eloquently through a small hole in the balaclava that he refuses to remove in public.

"Marcos", the enigmatic guerrilla leader, has emerged as spokesman for the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army, the Indian peasant movement that launched a surprise uprising in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas on New Year's Day. Six weeks on, a ceasefire is holding and talks are scheduled to begin at the weekend between the government and the Zapatistas over peasant grievances. But the true identity of the rebel chiefs, and especially of Marcos, is continuing to baffle the government and journalists.

In his first television interview last week, filmed at a secret location deep in the Lacondon forest, Marcos refused to reveal his identity but spoke of rebel strategy. Unlike previous Latin American guerrilla movements, the Zapatistas do not seek to overthrow the government by armed struggle. "We did not go to war to kill or to be killed," he said. "We went to make ourselves heard." Although some observers believe that he may have trained as a priest, he claimed during his interview that he once worked as a journalist, and that would explain his sophisticated use of the media.

The interview was just the latest propaganda coup for the image-conscious rebels. Marcos's candid and often witty declarations dominate local news in Mexico, giving his exploits almost soap-opera dimensions. He is in fact teaching the world a new lesson in guerrilla warfare in the 1990s: the battle for media coverage is more important than military feats of arms. In his case this tactic has worked with astonishing success. Without ever posing a realistic military threat, the Zapatistas have forced the government to consider demands for democracy and Indian land rights.

Mexican analysts suspect that the origins of the Zapatistas go back to the mid-1970s, when left-wing activists from northern Mexico infiltrated the Roman Catholic Church in Chiapas with the co-operation of radical Jesuit priests and lay preachers. Grassroots political indoctrination convinced poor Indian peasants, as well as some religious workers, that armed struggle was a legitimate option in defence of indigenous rights. This indoctrination had its effect and forest communities were "converted" one by one. When the Church realised what was happening, it denounced any attempt to stir up violence, but by then it was too late: the activists went underground.

Marcos has penned a series of melodramatic communiqués which, smuggled through army lines, have outlined the rebel cause and attacked Mexico's political and economic system that, he says, has turned the Indians in Chiapas into little more than a "Jurassic Park" for tourists and anthropologists. Although his camp is hidden in the jungle miles from the nearest electricity supply, his communiqués are neatly printed by computer and contain no grammatical errors.

They are also articulate and reveal a satirical, Jesuit-style humour. After the government issued a sketch purporting to depict him, he responded: "If I take off my mask, Mexican society will be disappointed to find that I am not as handsome as the Attorney-General's office says I am." Father Hervé Camier, a radical French liberation theology priest in Chiapas, studied one communiqué and grinned. "He certainly has the sense of humour of a priest — very soft, very delicate, very charming," he said.

Now comes the big question: will Marcos take off his balaclava in face-to-face talks with the government? Criticised recently for hiding his face, he sent an essay to newspapers titled *Of Balaclavas and Other Masks*. In it he chided President Salinas de Gortari for trying to present a false image of Mexico as a country breaking away from the Third World. "Marcos is ready to drop his mask," he said. "Is Mexican society ready to drop its own?"

ANC offers concessions on Afrikaner homeland

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN, SOUTH AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

NELSON Mandela, president of the African National Congress, last night announced sweeping concessions for the black and white conservative groups who are boycotting the country's forthcoming general elections.

The ANC has given the go-ahead for a special sitting of South Africa's parliament to amend the constitution to provide for greater regional powers and a constitutional principle that could be the first step to some kind of an Afrikaner volkstaat.

Mr Mandela announced these concessions at Jan Smuts Airport outside Johannesburg before embarking on a trip to The Netherlands. He said the ANC would call for a meeting of the multi-party negotiating forum leading to a special parliamentary sitting within days.

The ANC president described the concessions as historic and added that they showed how far his organisation was prepared to go to have an all-inclusive political settlement.

The concessions include the granting of a double-ballot paper so that voters may make separate choices for the national and the regional legislatures. Mr Mandela also offered greater regional taxation powers and the virtual entrenchment of regional constitutions.

The ANC leader said that his organisation had accepted that Natal province could be renamed KwaZulu/Natal. However, important of all, he added that the ANC agreed to another constitutional principle on the right to self-determination.

On the face of it, this would go some way towards satisfying the Afrikaner Volksfront demand for the establishment of a volkstaat, although Mr Mandela has always made it clear that white self-determination should not lead to the "Balkanisation" of the country.

"South Africa is today at the crossroads," Mr Mandela said. "The way forward requires vision and balanced leadership which transcends narrow political interests."

He denounced those parties "steeped in the politics of the past — the politics of racism, ethnic chauvinism and violence — who seek to drown the process in blood. This shall not, and cannot, be allowed to continue."

Mr Mandela said that the constitutional principle on self-determination will be based on the negotiations already conducted with the Volksfront, but he added somewhat cryptically, "as well as provisions for a mechanism and process for the consideration of the issue of a volkstaat."

☐ **Durban:** George Mbhele, a regional ANC leader, was killed yesterday by three gunmen who entered the classroom where he was teaching in the Port Shepstone area of Natal, the scene of violence linked to a feud between ANC and Inkatha supporters. *(AP)*

Riot police fire on black marchers

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN STANDERTON

AS MANY as 30 black demonstrators were hurt when riot police fired rubber bullets and tear-gas at a 2,000-strong crowd trying to march from the Sakhile township into this mining and agricultural town in eastern Transvaal.

The march had earlier been declared illegal, as had a similar gathering of 200 or so ultra-right wingers from the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB). They were lying in wait for the marchers on the other side of the railway which divides Standerton, 100 miles southwest of Johannesburg, from its Indian and black townships. However, the uniformed and armed AWB storm-troopers avoided the attention of the police by staying under cover at the town's cattle market and claiming to be holding a farmers' bazaar.

Tensions have been rising for the past fortnight as the sacking of two supermarket employees for theft led to a strike at the store, and then to a general boycott of the town's shops by the black community. Farmers staged a mass protest, driving their tractors through the streets and claiming that Standerton was part of an Afrikaner volkstaat.

There have also been a wave of bomb threats resulting in the closure of a number of stores.

Kerrigan to refuse Harding hug of reconciliation

America warms to ice battle

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

TONYA Harding, the American figure skater, arrived in Norway yesterday for the Winter Olympics with the US public near hysteria in anticipation of the "battle of the ice maidens". She and Nancy Kerrigan, her arch-rival, meet in competition next week.

As an investigation continues in Portland, Oregon, into Harding's alleged involvement in last month's assault on Kerrigan, the pre-competition rivalry between the two skaters has taken on a near-surreal aspect.

Kerrigan's coach has said that, although the two skaters are scheduled to share a practice rink in Norway, Kerrigan has no intention of accepting the "hug" of reconciliation offered by Harding on television earlier this week and would rather not have to see her before they compete. "She never hugged her before. Why should she hug her now?" demanded Mary Scotvold.

Kerrigan has fully recovered from the injury sustained when she was clubbed on the knee on January 6 and has been in daily training since she arrived in Norway last week. The International Skating Union has refused to alter the practice schedule to avoid a potentially embarrassing confrontation between the two team-mates, despite appeals from the US Olympic Committee.

Harding has denied having any prior knowledge of the plot to assault Kerrigan. She boarded the plane to Norway with a pair of gold-plated skates in her hand and a promise to bring back a gold medal.

She spent much of the journey signing souvenirs for fans. Meanwhile, she appeared topless on a US television programme in a home video reportedly sold by Jeff Gillooly, her former husband, who has admitted a role in the attack on Kerrigan and alleges that Harding also played a role in the conspiracy.

Displaying a talent for exhibitionism, La Vona Golden, the skater's mother, appeared on a series of television chat shows in New York to declare her love for her daughter and her willingness to go to Norway to be at her side. Harding has repeatedly said that she does not want her mother anywhere near her. The skater has claimed that her mother did nothing to help her skating career and beat her when her performances fell below standard. Mrs Golden told one chat show host she had tried to bribe her daughter to give up skating by giving her a pony.

Mrs Golden took a guitar to one programme, *A Current Affair* (the same show that aired footage of her daughter semi-clad) and serenaded Harding with a composition of her own. She then appeared, sobbing, on the *Montel Williams Show*, before passing out in front of a studio audience. "I love you Tonya, I love you Twinkle. Don't let anybody put you down," croaked Mrs Golden before losing consciousness. Mrs Golden was later reported to be in stable condition.

Harding retained her place in the US Olympic team after a deal was struck between her lawyers and the national committee, which had planned to hold a disciplinary hearing into the allegations against the 23-year-old skater. In return, Harding dropped a $25 million (£17 million) law suit filed against the committee.

A Portland television station reported that she had failed two of three lie-detector tests administered by the authorities, including one asking whether she had prior knowledge of the plan to disable Kerrigan. In Hollywood, another competition is heating up between actresses and agents desperate to snare the part of Harding in the inevitable television drama. "All three networks take note," declared an advertisement in *Variety*, taken out on behalf of one, Christiana Barron. "I am Tonya Harding. I live this role. I've worked and waited all my life for this," Barron insisted.

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Tonya Harding waving on her arrival in Oslo yesterday. She is scheduled to meet her rival, Nancy Kerrigan, on the Olympic practice rink

Saudi aircraft contract boosts Clinton

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AFTER months of intense lobbying by President Clinton and other senior American officials, the President finally announced yesterday that Saudi Arabia will buy passenger jets worth $6 billion (£4 billion), an order won at the expense of the European Airbus consortium.

The Saudi deal is a boost for the flagging American aircraft industry. It will also strengthen Mr Clinton's political prospects by creating tens of thousands of new jobs, particularly on the West Coast where the planes will be built and where unemployment is above the national average.

Striking a triumphant tone, Mr Clinton proclaimed a "gold-medal win" for America that was achieved despite intense competition from the Europeans. The President thanked King Fahd, to whom he made a direct appeal by telephone last August. At the time, the king was quoted as telling him that the order would go to the Americans because of what they had done for Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War.

The successful tender comes a year after Mr Clinton had set off alarm bells across Europe when he accused Airbus Industrie, the European consortium in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent share, of competing unfairly because its operations were subsidised by European governments. He promised cheering Boeing workers in Seattle that he would "change the rules of game".

The White House said the Saudi deal amounts to an entire replacement fleet for Saudia Airlines with a mix of 50 aircraft, from jumbos to jets of short and medium range, built by McDonnell Douglas and Boeing with American engines. The order comes as McDonnell Douglas is struggling to survive as a commercial manufacturer and after Boeing was forced to cut its production rate.

Despite American jubilation about the deal, David Venz, the Airbus Industrie spokesman, insisted yesterday that the firm still had a chance as the American deal had not been signed. He claimed that Saudi Arabia had asked the consortium to extend the deadline for its proposals until March 1.

No such ambiguities were apparent at a White House ceremony where the Saudi ambassador to the United States, Prince Bandar, said the decision to buy American planes was not difficult. "You're the only game in town," he told Mr Clinton.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tunisia expels Times reporter

London: The Tunisian authorities have ordered the expulsion from Tunis of Alfred Hermida, North African Correspondent for the BBC World Service. Mr Hermida also reports on Tunisia and North Africa for *The Times*.

The BBC said in a statement that it had protested strongly to Tunis; the corporation had total confidence in Mr Hermida and the Tunisian authorities had given no reason for the expulsion order. *The Times* has also expressed its full support for Mr Hermida and has asked for an explanation.

Cardinal killed

Toulouse: Cardinal François Marty, 89, a former Archbishop of Paris, was killed when a train hit his car at a crossing near the town of Villefranche-de-Rouergue in southwest France, police said. He was created cardinal in 1969. *(Reuter)*

Mickey banned

Munich: The mayor of the Bavarian city of Dachau, site of a Nazi concentration camp, has banned Mickey Mouse signs as well as what he calls "stupid and tasteless" American cultural emblems from "worthy" fairgrounds in the area. *(Reuter)*

Suspect claim

Rome: The deputy leader of the former communist Democratic Party of the Left, Massimo D'Alema, has been placed on an official list of suspects in Italy's corruption scandals, television said. The report could not be confirmed immediately. *(Reuter)*

Guilty bankers

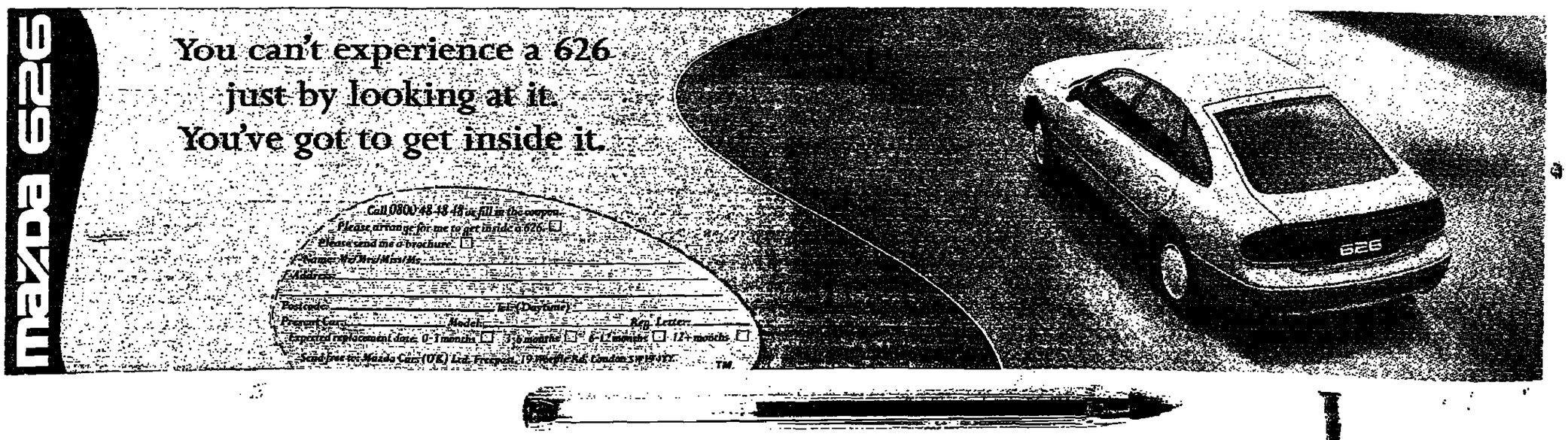
Jerusalem: A court found former heads of Israel's top four banks guilty of fraud in a 1983 shares scandal that shook the country and cost the government $9 billion (£6 billion). The officials could be jailed for up to five years. *Reuter)*

Haiti arrests

Miami: Haitian soldiers arrested a dozen people and burned homes after a skirmish between troops and what they believed to be rebels who support the ousted President Aristide, the *Miami Herald* said. **Leading article, page 17**

Grateful wed

San Francisco: Jerry Garcia, the lead guitarist of the rock group The Grateful Dead, has married Deborah Koons, a California film-maker, his publicist said. The St Valentine's Day wedding was secret to avoid attracting rock fans. *(Reuter)*



Balladur to challenge Chirac for presidency

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AFTER ten months of playing the man above politics, Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister, has leapt into the race to succeed President Mitterrand, setting the scene for a fierce duel with Jacques Chirac, his mentor and the Gaullist party chief.

Aides to M Chirac, who has been running for the presidency since 1986, were furious after M Balladur used a 90-minute television appearance to remove any doubts that he intends to stand as the candidate of the conservative Gaullist RPR when the Socialist President steps down in May next year. M Balladur made no direct commitment but said the candidate would have to run on the record of his government, "and I think it will not be a bad record". French commentators were unanimous in decoding M Balladur's typically oblique approach. "He is running for President," *Le Monde* said.

The urbane Prime Minister has joined the fray at a turning point in his tenure. His long honeymoon appears to be ending and his approval ratings have begun to slide towards the level of ordinary political mortals. His extraordinary popularity despite the recession and record unemployment was ascribed to his stance as a reassuring technocrat who stood above the grubby business of political ambition. His aura has now been tarnished by time and his reactive approach to the economy and a string of crises, from the Air France strike last autumn, to the fishermen's riots this month.

Questioned on television this week, M Balladur gave a less than vigorous defence of "*la méthode Balladur*". France faced too great a danger of social upheaval to move more quickly with reform, he said. Fear of a revolt on the scale of the 1968 uprising is said by his critics to be hampering M Balladur.

He has now laid himself open to attack not just from the reviving Socialist opposition, which dismissed his performance this week as ineffectual, but also to M Chirac, who has set about undermining the man he appointed to act as his steward. "My good friend Edouard", M Chirac has been saying, is a good caretaker, but not the personality to preside over the transformation of France.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister was yesterday dragged into a traditional political squabble over his alleged attempts to control the broadcast media. *Le Monde* carried a front-page attack by André Rousselet, the ousted head of the *Canal Plus* television group, who accused M Balladur of "spinning his web, putting at the controls of the biggest industrial groups 15 men who are handpicked for their loyalty to him alone".

M Balladur denied that he had any hand in the upheaval at one of France's most successful broadcasting enterprises. His spokesman said: "It will become clear that this little agitation was only due to a problem of personal bitterness."



Balladur: popularity tarnished by strikes



Aung San Suu Kyi during her talks with US congressman Bill Richardson, the first outsider she has met since being put under house arrest in 1989

Detained Burma dissident agrees to talks with junta

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BANGKOK

AN AMERICAN congressman who saw Aung San Suu Kyi, the detained Burmese opposition leader, said this week that she agreed to his proposal for tentative talks with Lieutenant General Khin Nyunt, the Burmese military strongman. He said General Khin Nyunt undertook to seek approval from other leaders of the junta's State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slorc) for such a meeting.

Bill Richardson, a Democrat for New Mexico in the House of Representatives, said: "In my view, the situation in Burma is at a critical stage. The Burmese should settle this, not outsiders, and this is what I suggested to both parties." He said Daw Suu Kyi believed a substantive dialogue between the ruling council and Burma's democratic forces was the only way out of the impasse.

Mr Richardson, the first outsider to see Daw Suu Kyi, 48, since she was put under house arrest in 1989, said: "This would not be a political dialogue or political reconciliation. What we are talking about is simply getting two people together to engage in a pre-dialogue. I don't care what they talk about. What is critically important is for these two individuals to get to know each other."

He said such a meeting should merit "some kind of American response", and added "but we need deeds, not just words."

Diplomats said Mr Richardson's initiative had increased the likelihood of such a meeting significantly because the congressman, who carried a letter for Daw Suu Kyi from President Clinton, could be construed to be acting on his behalf. Mr Richardson said yesterday if no such meeting took place, it would be premature to invite Burma to attend the summit of the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) in Bangkok this year. "Slorc chiefs should get the message, and this does raise the possibility of a meeting between the only two figures who count in Burma," said one diplomat.

Mr Richardson said he thought there had been "some small progress, some modest progress" recently towards democracy, including the release of 2,000 political prisoners since last year. He had seen four political prisoners at Insein prison and asked for their release and for Red Cross visits to the prison. He said Daw Suu Kyi's health appeared to be very good and that her message to supporters around the world was: "Be courageous and democracy will win."

Australia bolsters Patten reforms

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

AUSTRALIA gave its backing yesterday to plans by Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, for greater democracy in the colony, in a move that is bound to antagonise China.

Gareth Evans, the Australian Foreign Minister, told Mr Patten during a visit to Canberra that he supported his political initiatives. "Any step taken down the path towards greater democratisation ... is a step worth taking," Mr Evans said.

He emphasised that Mr Patten's "modest" extension of voting arrangements did not interfere with China's sovereignty, and is congruent with past British-Sino agreements. Mr Evans added that an "accountable government and an open society ... underpin Australia's interests" in Hong Kong. The colony is host to 300 Australian companies and 20,000 expatriates.

In a veiled warning to Peking, Mr Evans said that "any attempt to ride roughshod over due process" regarding moves to democracy would attract "international attention". What the Governor was doing required "balance, steady nerves, and a lot of good fortune".

These remarks contrasted with the lack of comment on Tuesday after Mr Patten conferred with Paul Keating, the Prime Minister, who only said that he valued Hong Kong's stability and prosperity. The low-key response had delighted the Chinese authorities.

☐ **Religious action:** An American pastor, one of seven Christian evangelists who was expelled from China under new anti-proselytising laws, said that he would take legal action against the authorities. David Balcombe claimed that officials had stolen valuables and assaulted a travelling companion. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sumatran mountain quake kills 131

Bandar Lampung: An earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale struck a mountainous region on the Indonesian island of Sumatra, killing at least 131 people and injuring 1,000. About 75 per cent of the town of Liwa was reported to be damaged.

Landslides and damaged roads were hampering civilian relief teams, which were helped by the army. *(Reuter)*

Secret exercises

Baghdad: Mujahidin Khalq, the exiled Iranian opposition group, said that it had ended five days of secret military exercises in Iraq along the Iranian border involving tanks and helicopters. The group has several military camps in Iraq. *(Reuter)*

Truce broken

Kabul: At least 13 civilians were killed and 17 others wounded when dozens of long-range rockets were fired at suburbs of the Afghan capital, shattering hopes that a four-day ceasefire, which began on Tuesday, would bring calm to the city. *(AP)*

Colleges shut

Bamako: President Konaré of Mali ordered schools and colleges closed, and pupil meetings banned, after students attacked the home of Adama Samassekou, the Education Minister. The students went on strike on February 1 for higher grants. *(Reuter)*

Strikers warned

Sydney: The Australian Stevedores firm has told strikers disrupting the nation's ports that they will be sacked from today if they do not return to work. The Maritime Union of Australia said that it would step up action if the company carried out its threat. *(Reuter)*

Judgment day

Tokyo: A Japanese man who tried to name his son "Devil" will now call him "God" after legal opposition. The case aroused nationwide controversy over whether the government should deny parents' rights to name their offspring as they see fit. *(Reuter)*

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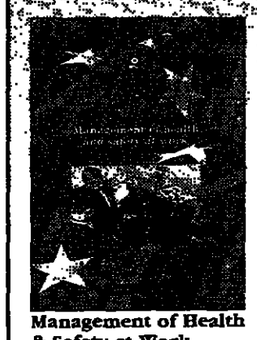
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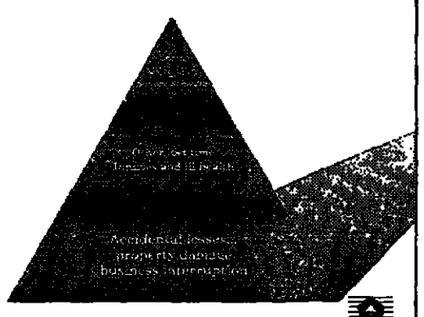


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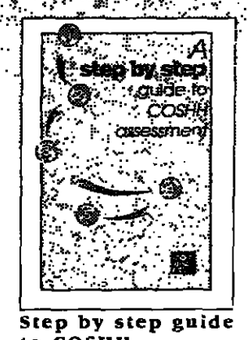
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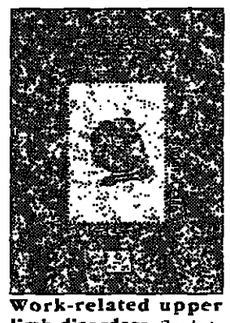
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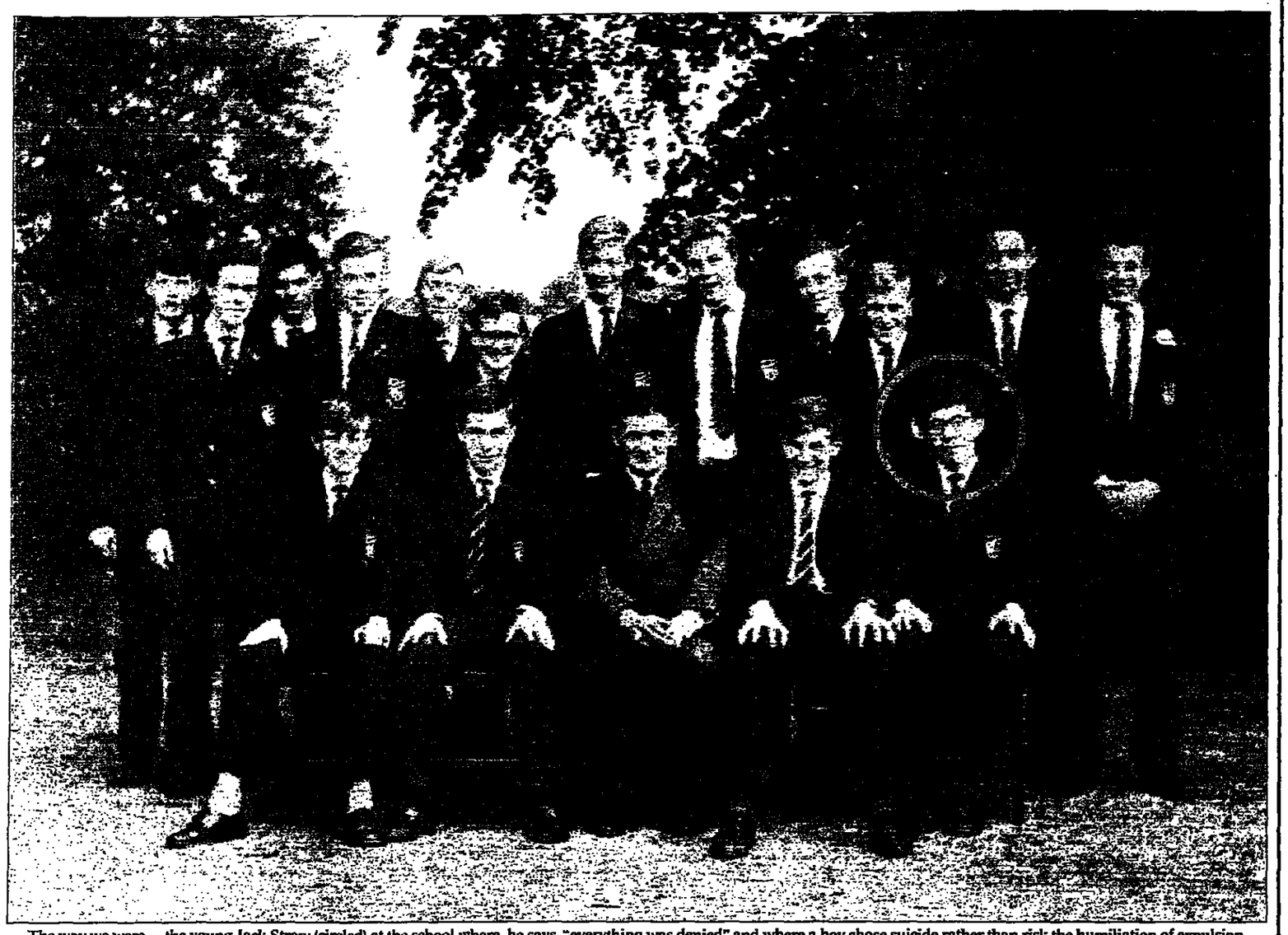
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Jack Straw recalls a suicide which convinces him that the age of homosexual consent must be cut to 16



The way we were — the young Jack Straw (circled) at the school where, he says, "everything was denied" and where a boy chose suicide rather than risk the humiliation of expulsion

Guilty secrets that claim young lives

"Sorry, lads, there's no tea this morning," the Head of House announced to the senior dormitory. It was a Monday in May 1963, in a boarding house of an Essex direct grant school.

Every Monday it was the turn of the Head of House to get the rest of the house up, and make the other prefects tea in the meanwhile.

Someone threw a slipper, someone else threw abuse about the lack of tea. "Why not, you useless fool?"

"The gas is off. Robertson's dead."

Robertson (not his real name) was 15. He was a brilliant musician, otherwise of average academic ability, with a pleasant if forgetful manner. He had got up in the night from his bed in the 3 Dorm, gone downstairs to the day study which I shared with three other boys, and turned the gas ring on. In those days it was fed with lethal town gas. He was probably dead within the half hour.

As I went along the ground-floor corridor to wash I looked in my study. Robertson was on the floor. There was an ambulanceman going through the motions of artificial respiration, without conveying the least conviction that it would work. Robertson's face was puffy and sweaty. It was the first time that I had ever seen anyone dead. I remember wondering at the time whether everyone who was dead looked like that.

A house assembly was called, then a school assembly. We were simply told what we already knew — that Robertson was dead — and warned that on no account should we say anything to the Press (in the improbable event of any of us being asked).

The *Evening Standard* carried a tiny story announcing the death, but his parents and his schoolmates were spared the kind of media treatment which such an event would now provoke.

The funeral was held: then the most peremptory of inquests. There was a note, the coroner said, but no purpose would be served if its contents were disclosed. But we didn't need to read the note to know what was in it. We could all guess.

Robertson thought he was gay — "queer", in the more brutal parlance of the time. What's more, there wasn't a single soul in authority with whom he felt freely able to discuss his feelings. Not his parents (his father was an officer in the services), and certainly not the head or any master. So he chose the only route that he could think of out of his desperation, loneliness and guilt, and killed himself. That, he evidently thought, was a lot better than the expulsion from the school — and deep humiliation for his parents — which would have followed had he owned up to his "sins".

Robertson's death has lived with me to this day. Partly I have felt great sadness about the waste of a talented young life, and the pain of his parents which I am sure never healed. But above all, my emotion then — and now — is one of the deepest anger.

My school — or at least its boarding houses — ran on denial. Emotions were denied. The beating of boys by boys was neither sanctioned nor forbidden, but simply denied. Above all, there was a refusal to accept or acknowledge what must be a truth common to any isolated group of young males if left to themselves — that homosexuality was commonplace. There was no acknowledgement of its extent, no counselling, just a pretence that its incidence was unusual, and a rule that if any boys over the age of 16 or so were involved they would be expelled.

The year before, in the summer of 1962, one fifth-form boy had in desperation gone to the head to complain that another boy, very rich and always good for a loan, had forced him to redeem his debts late at night behind the cricket pavilion. I think the complainant naïvely felt that as victim he might be let off. But victim or not, he was still a participant. The head took the simple view that if homosexuality was a crime outside school (which it was) it had to be treated as a crime within the school.

So both boys were expelled.

I remember arguing with the head that this most uncompromising policy of his could produce dire results. If boys were worried about their sexual feelings and could not seek advice from any adult, who could tell where their desperation, and guilt, might lead? Sadly, it only took ten months to find out.

> "There was not a soul with whom he could discuss feelings"

I have never thought it right to tell this story before. Despite what happened, I have a lot of affection for my school, and anyway it was effectively my home for seven years.

I also had a lot of time for the head. He was a decent, caring, rather liberal man. But he was a man of his time. A young child in the First World War, a young man in the Second. His generation denied in order to survive — everything from the early and sudden death of loved ones, to long separations from women, and ambiguities about their own sexuality.

But the head's feelings can now be spared, for he has died. And this story, it seems to me, has great relevance to the decision which the Commons faces next week as to where to set the age of consent for homosexual relations.

My anger about Robertson's unnecessary death is not with any one individual, but with the dishonest climate of that period. I now fear that this climate may be recreated. At least, at the moment, although homosexual relations involving anyone under 21 are technically illegal, the law is so old and discredited that it is usually observed only in the breach. But say, next Monday, the Commons decides to make the minimum age 18. It will, in effect, positively criminalise homosexual relations for those aged 16 to 18. An old law can be ignored, but not a new law fresh on the statute book.

So we could be back, in my judgment, to a worse position than today. We'll be back in the early Sixties, when young men just out of puberty and uncertain about their own sexuality could talk to no one, and committed suicide instead. (I'll be voting for 16 to be the age of consent. It's the least I can do for Robertson's memory.

● *The author is MP for Blackburn*

King Kong as New Man

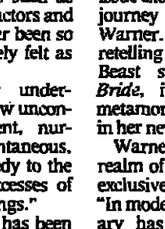
Our nostalgia for nature and the call of the wild gets muddled when it comes to humans

MARINA Warner delivered her fourth Reith lecture, "Beautiful Beasts: The Call of the Wild", last night and showed how today's nostalgia for the healing powers of nature has shaped our attitudes towards animals.

In folklore, animals represent Nature, says Warner, while their human foes stand for the polar opposite — the world of Art, Culture and Civilisation. Since the 18th century, the "wild pole has been radiating ever-growing magnetic attraction on human imagination and allegiance", she says.

After Darwin's discoveries, society could no longer argue, as Descartes had done, that an animal was merely a machine — natural but lacking a soul.

As we begin to identify more closely with animals, zoos are closing, or being replaced by show farms; circuses are "largely doomed"; hunt saboteurs are prepared to die for their cause; and campaigns to save whales, dolphins and spiders proliferate, she says.



MARINA WARNER

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The animal upbringing of such heroes as Romulus and Remus, who were nursed by a she-wolf, emphasises their special qualities and adds to their power, she says. "The mythic hero is often represented as achieving the union of nature and culture in his person, both in his origin and in his exploits."

The disorder brought to today's systems of nature by modern inventions such as fridges, nuclear reactors and pesticides has never been so serious or so acutely felt as today, she argues.

"Nature, newly understood to be somehow uncontaminated, innocent, nurturing and spontaneous, beckons as a remedy to the distortions and excesses of civilised undertakings."

The "wild man" has been invoked as a "healing figure" for today's ills by groups including "mystically inclined ruralists" and New Age believers, she says.

But the nostalgic desire for the "power and freedom of the wild" has become confused. "The rise in green consciousness has got muddled, when it comes to the human animal, with a celebration of wildness, interpreted as an ideal of energy, sexual, unrepressed and individualist."

The assignation of higher value to wild creatures gains force when women are introduced to folklore and legend, says Warner, picking as evidence the various retellings of the Beauty and the Beast story, including the 1933 film *King Kong*.

The film begins by establishing Kong as the savage king of the jungle, but after Fay Wray's abduction, sympathies begin to sway in another direction. "Fear and loathing gradually change to identification. Sexuality moves to the centre of the story and the great ape becomes a figure of a man, a desiring, aspiring, frustrated, tragic male," she says.

The film is essentially a man's movie because the crushing of the ape becomes "just another episode in the long tragic chronicle about male libidos unjustly slapped down," she says.

The new Disney cartoon *Beauty and the Beast* is another study of the "magnetism of the wild for the civilised", Warner argues. In the plot, Beauty has two suitors: the good beast, who looks like an animal, and the bad beast, like a man. The film is a woman's movie, for it promises that Prince Charming will be a New Man, "virile yet tender, natural yet cultivated," she says.

In today's stories, beasts issue exciting invitations to a journey of pleasure, says Warner. In Angela Carter's retelling of the Beauty and Beast story, *The Tiger's Bride*, it is Beauty who metamorphoses, luxuriating in her new-found furry state.

Warner concludes that the realm of the beast is not an exclusively male domain. "In modern myth the boundary has not been eroded between man and beast — rather, the value affixed to each side in the contrast has changed, and contemporary stories are finding a way to answer the call of the wild."

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Holiday cure for the family



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

DISCUSSION about the bedtime for children when they are abroad is now so hackneyed that it is only a matter of time before it is selected for *Private Eye*'s "Great Bores of Today" series.

What is certain is that millions of British children who go abroad every year join their parents, whether they like it or not, when they dine out in some of the less hygienic holiday spots of the world.

For the past year or two adults have been able to be protected against hepatitis A, popularly known as infectious hepatitis or jaundice, by having a course of injections of Havrix; but until now these have not been recommended for children.

Whereas hepatitis B is mainly spread through contamination by blood or semen, the more common hepatitis A is transmitted by food which has been contaminated by human faeces.

It is fractionally more pleasant to think that this may have come from the mussels which are fed near a dangerously placed sewage outflow, but the truth is that it is more likely to have stemmed from the unwashed hands of cooks or waiters.

SmithKline Beecham has now introduced an injection, Havrix Junior, which is available for children aged one to 15. There may be selfish advantages to the parents in having their children immunised over and above the pleasure of being able to watch them eating their paella knowing that they have been protected from an unpleasant disease. Small children, those under three, often have such mild attacks of hepatitis that they pass unrecognised; even in older children the disease may be less severe than in adults and the diagnosis missed.

The "tummy upset" which afflicts the child three to five weeks after dining in the dirty restaurant may be the only symptom of an attack of hepatitis A, but it could be enough to infect the rest of the household who are old enough to be seriously affected by it. Rather than having a simple upset stomach, adults and older children are likely to suffer abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, loss of appetite, headache and, of course, jaundice.

The heavy television advertising at this time of the year should not only serve as a reminder to people to book their summer holiday but should also prompt those who intend to go abroad to be up-to-date with their injections.

Prophylaxis against tetanus, typhoid and polio, and, if you haven't already had one, a course of injections of Havrix are strongly recommended. In adults the first two injections of Havrix, given into the muscle of the upper arm and not into the bottom, are separated by between two to four weeks. A booster dose is given between six and 12 months later. Children who have Havrix junior have two injections one month apart.

The magazine *General Practitioner* quotes medical authorities which suggest that Havrix Junior will be even more effective in immunising children, than ordinary Havrix is in adults; it is likely to provide them some immunological protection for the rest of their lives.

The Department of Health will report the use of Havrix Junior in the next edition of their guide, the "Green Book", which will be issued in the summer, but this may be too late for dutiful parents to arrange their children's immunisation in time for the summer holiday.

Boys' own



SCIENTISTS have been working to find a male contraceptive pill for the past 30 years. Naturally, when pregnant, a woman is proof against further conception, and so the original research workers looking for the female Pill only had to emulate the hormonal state of pregnancy.

On the other hand, most males are fertile, even if not potent, from the age of 15 until they die and there is no physiological time of infertility which could provide clues for research into the male Pill.

MIMS magazine reports that a group of American doctors working at Cornell University Medical College may have, by chance, discovered that nifedipine, one of the drugs commonly used to treat high blood pressure and angina, may also cripple sperm so that they are no longer tough enough to fertilise an ovum. Nifedipine is one of the calcium antagonist drugs used in cardiovascular medicine. It is marketed under such trade names as Adalat, Coracten and Nifensar. It is a constituent of Tenif and Beta-Adalat.

The discovery came when the American doctors were studying ten men whose sperm was failing to fertilise apparently healthy eggs during attempts at *in vitro* fertilisation; they suddenly realised that all these patients were taking nifedipine. Since then doctors have found another 34 men who were taking nifedipine and whose sperm were having troubles in fertilising ova. The evidence should be regarded as anecdotal, but the American doctors were encouraged enought to patent their findings.

A fat chance



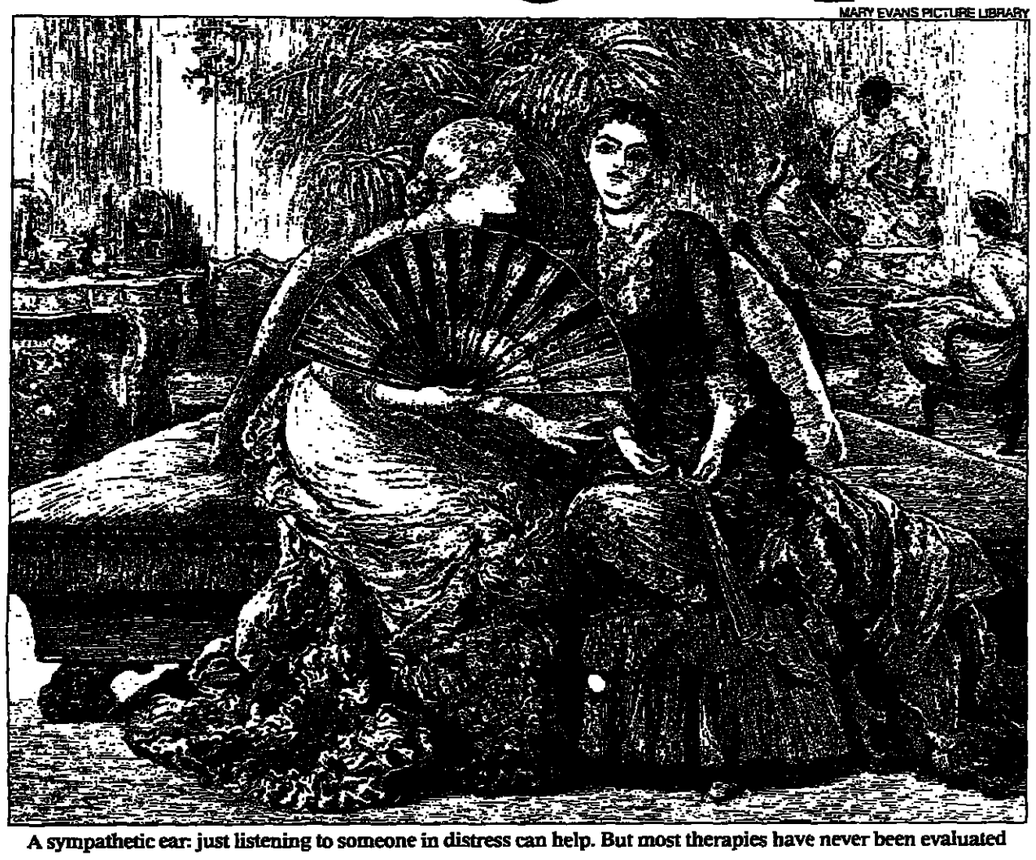
MRS Jacqueline Greaves, the 53-year-old who survived for 41 hours in a snowstorm on a mountain, owes her life not only to being as fit as a 20-year-old and to knowing about survival techniques necessary to protect the body against the elements, but also to her gender. In the days of the empire the shout "women and children first" as the shipwrecked were rescued was, other than on grounds of chivalry, unjustified and scientifically incorrect.

Even those women who haven't a rounded, Rubenesque figure still have a thicker layer of subcutaneous fat than men. This provides good insulation as well as the characteristically feminine contours. Thanks to this layer they are able to withstand cold much better than men. It is in fact men and children who need to come in from the cold first, and could, if they were so minded, make a medical case for thereafter having the seat nearest the fire.

Physiologists, who should be pleased that the waif look is out, will have viewed the short skirt which the Princess of Wales chose to confront the coldest day of the year this week, with some concern. Persistently exposing the legs and thighs to the cold can cause a condition called perniosis in which the layers of subcutaneous fat and the skin are thickened; hence the large thighs of the mini-skirted, and perhaps even the tree-trunk legs of the kilt wearer.

Can talking help?

Simon Wessely on why therapies must be tested and regulated



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A sympathetic ear: just listening to someone in distress can help. But most therapies have never been evaluated

When in distress it seems natural to want to talk to someone. In recent years this simple process has become institutionalised under the term "therapy", as ever-increasing numbers of therapists appear to meet this need. Yet according to Fay Weldon (*The Times*, February 4), therapy itself is becoming a curse. Ms Weldon told Libby Purves about her passionate feelings against therapists and her growing anger against their profession.

Any psychiatrist reading Ms Weldon's story must feel considerable sympathy for her predicament. She describes the collapse of her marriage following her husband's visit to a so-called "New Age" therapist. According to Ms Weldon, her husband was told that his horoscope was incompatible with hers and hence they should separate. If this is true, she is right to be indignant. Such astral nonsense has the same relationship to mainstream psychotherapy as do leeches to modern surgery.

She is not alone in her criticisms, which have found support this month from the improbable combination of the mental health pressure group MIND, the *Psychiatric Bulletin* of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Department of Health.

MIND has a long tradition of radicalism in mental health, while its scepticism about the role of medicine in mental health has made it a vociferous critic of psychiatry. It has just produced a report, *The Power of Words: uses and abuses of talking treatment*, which notes how simply talking to any interested person can itself be helpful to those in mental distress. The report particularly singled out general practitioners and nurses in this respect.

This observation is not new, and lies at the heart of the doctor-patient relationship. Those who carry out research in psychotherapy usually call this the "non-specific effect of treatment". Non-specific it may be — but listening, and empathising with a patient and allowing them to ventilate their distress, is one of the most powerful interventions we have. Indeed, research has shown that even making the appointment helps.

However, a recent analysis of the treatment of depression in primary care, carried out for the Department of Health by the School of Public Health at Leeds University, concludes that most therapies are either ineffective or have never been evaluated. The exception was *cognitive therapy* (a psychological treatment that looks at the links between a person's thoughts and emotions, and how these affect mental health), which has been shown to be as effective as drugs. Cognitive therapy requires time, as well as training and experience for therapists, and is consequently very limited indeed in availability.

Ms Weldon herself was careful not to condemn all talking treatments, and instead showed a marked preference for one of the oldest of them all — psychoanalysis.

She bemoans the passing of the good old days of psychoanalysis, when, to use her words, "psychiatrists were phenomenally intelligent and intensely trained". Such sentiments would bring a blush to the cheeks of the average psychiatrist, but do contain a kernel of truth. The strength of psychiatry in the treatment of mental disorder is not, of course, intelligence, but the values of training, experience and supervision. It is here that MIND, Ms Weldon and the Royal College of Psychiatrists begin to join forces.

The latest issue of the *Psychiatric Bulletin* contains an article by Dr Michael King, of the Royal Free Hospital, London. It concerns the need for evaluation of one particular type of therapy — counselling. Dr King, who is conducting one of the very few controlled trials of counselling, draws attention to the many problems of what, on the surface, seems such an innocent activity, that of counselling people in distress.

But the techniques and theory of counselling are so vague as to be almost beyond definition and hence evaluation. Fashion, not evidence, seems to be determining the choice of treatment.

If counselling is difficult to define, it is even more difficult, as Ms Weldon has found out to her cost, to regulate. Ethically sensitive bodies such as the British Association of Counselling offer guidance and codes of practice, but these are unenforceable. Anyone can still claim to be a counsellor, or indeed any other form of therapist.

Training varies from the appropriate and rigorous to the non-existent. Even more important are the variations in supervision — regarded as essential for even the most experienced practitioners of psychotherapy — yet frequently non-existent in practice.

In consequence there now exists a large and growing number of untrained and unsupervised therapists seeing patients with complex mental health problems that are beyond their competence. Most of us in clinical practice have encountered patients who have not been helped, and often suffered, as a result of this free market in therapy.

MIND's report calls for the creation of a compulsory register of counsellors and psychotherapists, so that those who abuse their role can be "struck off". Such regulation will lead to all the trappings of professionalism — standard training, ethical codes, self-regulation and, if someone transgresses, withdrawal of the right to practise.

Many will sympathise with this Draconian solution, although it will be almost impossible to implement. A more appropriate solution would be to ensure that these newer therapies are subject to rigorous evaluation by controlled trials. These, after all, are the benchmarks for determining effectiveness in all branches of medicine. The introduction of new drug treatments is now tightly regulated, but no such safeguards exist for psychological treatments.

Therapy makes for strange bedfellows — none stranger than Ms Weldon, MIND and orthodox psychiatry. What has united them is concern about the unchecked rise of psychological therapies, from the sensible to the frankly ludicrous. Ms Weldon is due to confront that most orthodox of psychiatrists, Professor Anthony Clare, at *The Times*/Dillons debate on therapy next week. I suspect they will have rather more in common than they realise.

Dr Wessely is Senior Lecturer in Psychological Medicine at the Institute of Psychiatry.

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Sexiest drug of our age

What drug readily purchased from the chemist for little more than a penny per pill prevents strokes and heart attacks, promotes the growth of babies in the womb, is helpful in angina, reduces the swelling of arthritic joints, halves the risk of cancer of the colon, stops bypass grafts from silting up, prevents diabetics going blind and slows the formation of cataracts?

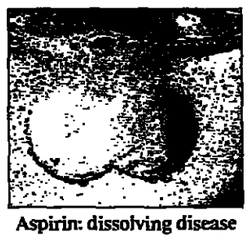
The answer is aspirin. The list is all the more remarkable for only having been discovered in the past 20 years. The key figure in the transformation of this mild painkiller into the sexiest drug of the century is Professor Sir John Vane FRS, the director of the William Harvey Research Institute at St Bartholomew's Medical College in the City.

Sir John is a scientist's scientist. His great contribution to scientific knowledge, for which he received the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1982, was thanks to his skill as a "bioassayist" — someone who examines the effect of enzymes. This might seem unexciting stuff, but what distinguishes Sir John from most is that his passion is in the unknown chemicals in the body.

There are no more elusive chemicals than the prostaglandins, which are present in only minute quantities and function for at most a couple of minutes before being rendered inactive. In 1971, Sir John reported in *Nature* that aspirin blocked the chemical reaction by which prostaglandins are formed, allowing bioassayists to study their action in detail.

It soon became apparent there was a vast family of prostaglandins — 80 at the latest count. They have contradictory properties. They cause pain and swelling as part of the inflammatory reaction to mobilise the body's defences, but they also protect tissues, against attack, notably the lining of the stomach against the assault of acidic secretions: they cause the muscles of the womb to contract, inducing labour, but they also cause muscles in the lining of the arteries to relax: they cause blood platelets to clump together to form a clot and so prevent bleeding, but they also prevent the blood from clotting, ensuring it can whoosh around the body.

Any beneficial effects of aspirin in blocking the action



Aspirin: dissolving disease

of prostaglandins will also have adverse consequences — the inflammation of arthritis is achieved at the cost of lowering the defences of the gut wall. But there is one exception that has revolutionised aspirin's therapeutic possibilities.

Blood platelets differ from other cells in not having a nucleus and so being unable to renew their biological properties. When first formed, they have a given amount of thromboxane, the "clotting" prostaglandin, which sees them through their 120-day lifespan. A single low dose of aspirin can knock out a platelet's thromboxane for good, destroying its clotting potential while only temporarily disturbing the production of prostaglandins from other tissues. So people could take an aspirin a day to benefit from its anti-clotting mechanism without fear of side effects.

Clotting of the blood is implicated in many common diseases: in the coronary arteries causing heart attacks, in the arteries to the brain causing strokes and in the veins in the leg causing thrombosis. Theoretically, a daily dose of only 75mg of aspirin could save thousands of lives a year.

And so it turns out. Last month, the *British Medical Journal* devoted 50 pages to a massive review of 300 trials investigating the prophylactic properties of aspirin. For those who have already had a heart attack, the risk of another is reduced by 25 per cent.

Other studies have shown that a daily aspirin prevents the raised blood pressure of pregnancy and the stunting of foetal growth. Similar benefits have been seen in preventing blindness in diabetics and slowing the development of cataracts.

So, like the proverbial apple, should we all be taking an aspirin a day? The Americans tend to think so, but British doctors are less convinced: 200 healthy people would have to take an aspirin a day for five years to prevent one heart attack. It is, however, advisable to pop an aspirin before a journey by air to reduce the risk of thrombosis and lethal blood clots.



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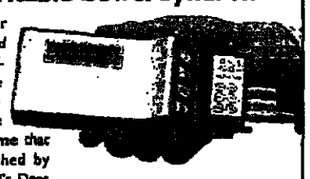
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- The debate, to be chaired by Libby Purves, will take place next Wednesday, February 23, at 7.30pm at Westminster Central Hall, Storey's Gate, London SW1.
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Janet Daley



■ We are all glad about Jacqueline Greaves's escape, but do we pay too high a price for such exploits?

Goodness, what a jolly adventure — and with a happy ending too. Jacqueline Greaves *must feel like a rather over*age Enid Blyton heroine. I was somewhat perplexed, though, by the congratulations she received from the mountain-rescue teams, who praised her "common sense". By which they meant that she had kept her head and managed to stay alive while a lot of other people put themselves at risk to save her.

Since Mrs Greaves and her companions set off up a barren Scottish mountainside in the depths of winter, *apparently without paying* heed to weather warnings, this use of the term "common sense" seems to me *bizarre.*

But then I am at a disadvantage here. Not having grown up in Britain, I was not inculcated with the idea that it is heroic to expose yourself to completely unnecessary risks. So deep does this conviction run in the British psyche that the nation does not even protest at the idea that we should all accept collective responsibility for the rescue when such exploits — however daft — go wrong.

When I was growing up, in various parts of *the United States*, we were surrounded by so much real danger that the idea of going out of your way to find more would have seemed insane.

American parents spend most of their time evolving strategies to keep their children safe, rather than inventing gratuitous peril into which to plunge them. All of Britain was touched (apparently) by Mrs Greaves's exalted discovery that she was still alive, but anybody travelling daily on the New York subway can have much the same sensation at the end of a week. As indeed can many of the residents of Moss Side.

If triumphing over physical danger is character-building, then some of the strongest characters in the world must reside in the South Bronx. But it is not just the urban terrors of American life which tend to evoke a *less romantic* view of risk. The countryside too is a threatening place: in many parts of America, it is *not possible to run barefoot* through a field without the inhibiting thought of poisonous snakes and insects. Lifting a rock in any of the south-western states can awaken not the amiable creepie-crawlies of an English meadow, but a variety of fatal predators. And you are likely to be having this encounter in a landscape which is in itself frighteningly inhospitable.

Only the sea that surrounds this blessedly safe island represents any real *threat. Which is probably* why the Royal National Life-boat Institution is such a well-loved charity. For British people to share in respect and dread of the sea seems to me perfectly sensible *and quite thrilling.* But my understanding does not extend to sending adolescents out canoeing in the Atlantic as a form of initiation into their heritage as an island race.

I was bemused throughout my children's English schooling by suggestions that it was a thoroughly admirable idea for them to go on so-called adventure holidays *in which* mortal injury would be actively courted.

Mercifully, being girls, *they were not exposed to the* full force of the male public school pressure to prove their mature courage by engaging in exploits of infantile irresponsibility. If Britons did not live in the most naturally temperate of climates surrounded by benign flora and fauna, would they seek danger as a form of recreation? And would they be so tolerant of the foolhardy, who court destruction? This ethos is a curious mixture of a heroic ideal imbibed through classical education — which is all about militarism and team spirit — with a 19th-century poetic view of the wilderness as an *arena for solitary* self-discovery.

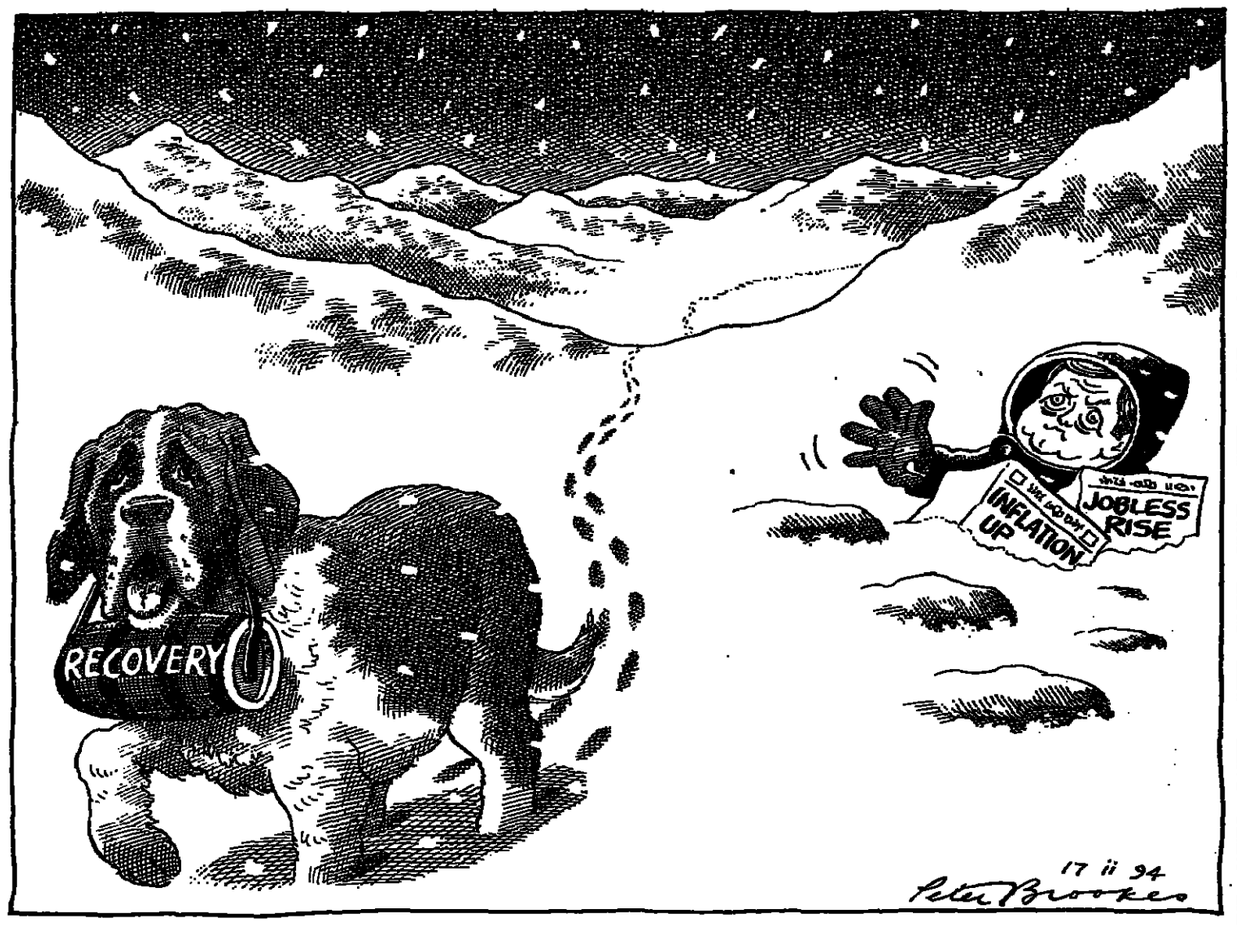
> Britain admires risk-takers but has few natural hazards

It is certainly true that the British are distinguished both in battle and in humanitarian missions — such as the current ones in Bosnia — for their physical courage and their strategic sense. Devotees of public school derring-do and adventure holidays (which are its more plebeian substitute), would probably claim that it is this philosophy which has produced such intrepid spirits.

After all, there was a time when the foolhardy games that Britons played at home prepared them to rule truly dangerous corners of the world. But what does that have to do with 53-year-old Mrs Greaves and the 70 members of civilian, police and RAF mountain rescue teams — complete with trained sniffer-dogs — *who spent two days search*ing for her?

She is now to be paid handsomely for recounting her *heart-warming story* of personal heroism to the tabloids. The sum she is reputed to have been offered is more than a senior member of her rescue team earns in two years.

As the goodwill of the mountainside threatened to descend into bitterness, Mrs Greaves offered to make a substantial donation to the rescue services, which will, no doubt, be gratefully received. But the questions remain: who is heroic and who foolish? Mrs Greaves, *her rescuers, or the British* public who prize and pay for it all?



Artists of despair

'The smell of death' has dominated the creative outlook of our tortured age

William Rees-Mogg

Why is *The Scream* so powerful an image? It has a prophetic quality; with the embryonic figure and the red sky, Edvard Munch foresaw the horror of the 20th century. *He painted several versions* of the picture; the version stolen from the National Art Museum in Oslo last Saturday was painted in 1893. *Munch said of it: "I sensed a scream* passing through nature." A hundred years later, it is natural to read into Munch's work a prophecy of the *wars, famines, revolutions, genocides* and nuclear weapons, which have made our century a hell on earth for billions of people.

This sense of horror runs through 20th-century culture. The most powerful of British painters of the century has probably been Francis Bacon. In 1985, Global Asset Management sponsored the great retrospective exhibition of his work at the Tate Gallery. Our family copy of the catalogue is inscribed, in a way that may intrigue future bibliophiles, "For Annunciata, with love Francis Bacon". Our youngest daughter, Annunciata, was six years old at the time. It is remarkable how often the image of a scream appears in Bacon's work, going back to some of his earliest major paintings.

Among other instances, the scream appears in two of Bacon's three studies of *Figures at the Base of a Crucifixion*, of 1944, in most of the *Heads*, painted in 1949, in several of the *Studies after Velasquez's Portrait of Pope Innocent X*, which were painted in the early 1950s, and in his *terrifying image of a Chimpanzee*, 1955. In her introduction to the catalogue, Dawn Ades quotes Francis Bacon as saying: "There've been extraordinary photographs which have been done of animals just being taken up before they were slaughtered; and the smell of death. We don't know, of course, but it appears by these photographs that they're so aware of what is going to happen to them, they do everything to attempt to escape."

In many of Bacon's paintings, the possibility of escape is ruled out. The Pope is usually contained in a type of rectangular box, reminiscent of the security glass box in which Eichmann was held during his trial in Israel, although these paintings are a decade earlier than that trial. *The chimpanzee is portrayed in a* cage, but also in one of these defining boxes.

The awareness of the horror that is *going to happen gives the work of* both Edvard Munch and Francis Bacon its emotional impact.

The dominant 20th-century artist *of the world was Pablo Picasso. His* work from the early years of the century is characterised by melancholy, but his later work is full of pain, anger and hatred. If one thinks of great 19th-century paintings, the most memorable images, from Constable to the Impressionists, are of the beauty of nature; they are essentially joyful and peaceful. If one thinks of our century, or of Munch's work, which foreshadowed it, the dominant images are those of "the smell of death".

There is something terrible about all the great cultural heroes of this century. In the earlier ages of human history, most of the strongest cultural influences have been positive. They have held out hope and reinforced the idea of human virtue, *at least as a potential* of our nature. Of course the conquerors were different, and have always been fearsome.

Four men might be regarded as the outstanding world geniuses of our century. One can define a world genius as someone who alters the *culture of the world as a whole*, a philosopher like Aristotle, a poet like Shakespeare, an evangelist like St Paul, a scientist like Newton. The *four strongest claimants to this rank* in our century have been Lenin, Freud, Picasso and Einstein. I am not trying to play the game of making a list: these four stand out because they could not possibly be a world history of our century.

The four divide naturally into groups of three and one: Lenin, Freud and Picasso display their negative qualities quite openly. Whatever their genius, they would all have been regarded by earlier centuries as dark and sinister forces: there is destruction in them. Einstein was by the same standards a man of light, open to love and the spirit, a scientist *a scholar, a man who loved peace.* Yet it was Einstein and the physicists who left mankind the most dangerous potentiality of all, the *nuclear power which at least theoreti*cally permits the human race to commit suicide. Later science has developed other possible methods of *species suicide.*

Each of the other three left a powerful negative legacy. Lenin's doctrine was that the pursuit of total political power overruled any considerations of personal morality. Admit that principle, adopt the Leninist party system, and you admit the crimes of Stalin and Mao, and also those of Hitler. Political power becomes inhuman if it is not controlled by civil and moral law. Lenin dehumanised the politics of the 20th century.

Freud dehumanised the concept of human nature. It has gradually become apparent that Freud, for all his powers as a mythmaker, was a charlatan as a scientist, a quack as a doctor, an ignoramus as a philosopher, a bully as a colleague — a humbug of genius, but a humbug all the same. His negative legacy was the belief that the primary driving energy of human psychology is *sexual libido.*

This implies that every human achievement, *from Moses to Mozart, has been a* pale diversion of energy intended for genital activity. What is interesting about this myth is not *whether it is true, but how so absurd* a theory came to be so widely accepted. Of course, loyal Freudians will say that the master never taught this, but when one reads his correspondence with Jung it seems clear that he did; the two men broke their association on the issue of whether all psychic energy belongs to the sexual libido. Jung thought not.

Picasso also had a negative message. Kenneth Clark once said something to the effect that Picasso was unquestionably the greatest painter of the century, but that he doubted whether enduring art could be based on hatred. This recognised that Clark's concept of *civilisation* — the long history of human beings creating beauty and order, was the polar opposite of Picasso's destruction of the image and search for disorder. Yet Picasso, like Francis Bacon, *is a mirror of our times.* Disorder, fear, the smell of death have been central 20th-century experiences. One does not even have to go *to artists of the modern school to find* that. The most enduring classical English novelist of the century may prove to be Evelyn Waugh. His *horror of contemporary life is as* strong as Francis Bacon's. Their ideologies and their techniques are quite different, but their view of the world is substantially the same.

The culture in which we live is still that shaped by the early 20th century. The people who created it are dead and their message was framed a long time ago. Francis Bacon's particular vision developed in the immediate aftermath of the Second World War. Lenin, Freud, Picasso and Einstein had all made their most powerful original contributions before the end of the First World War in 1918; that is now more than 75 years ago. The characteristic ideologies of our age, Marxism-Leninism, Freudian psychoanalysis and modernism are dying. Even modern science, though all-powerful in creating technologies and changing lives, has no dominant genius, no Einstein, no Newton.

In the 1990s, there is indeed no world genius. There are good and serious writers, artists and composers; there are excellent scientists; *there are even good politicians,* although they may be hard to find; there are inspiring holy men and women, like the Dalai Lama and *Mother Teresa. But the voice of the* world genius is not to be heard, not even that of dark genius, like those which dominated the imagination of *the early 20th century. It is the* twilight of the prophets.

Perhaps somewhere there is an embryonic voice which foretells the 21st century, as in the early 1890s *The Scream* foretold the ours. We should listen for it. An ideology which is now so old as to be virtually pre-scientific, a culture which contains so much that is dark and anti-human, and a modernism invented by our great-grandparents when they were young provide a weird backdrop for the approach of a new millennium. Perhaps the 20th century has cauterised the human imagination. As it has unfolded, our century *has* re-echoed Munch's "scream passing through nature" and silenced many voices of peace and hope.

Why I am closing hospitals

Health care must be rationalised, argues Virginia Bottomley

Which cherished, much-maligned national institution is planning to shut down two-thirds of its outlets in the City of London? Not the National Health Service — the plans for London's hospitals by comparison merely potter in the foothills of radicalism — but the Church of England.

For Tomlinson read Templeman. The City's dwindling band of worshippers can no longer sustain 36 churches. Churchgoers are now more likely to live in Bromley or Chingford. For the churches they have left behind, even some of Wren's finest, *alternative uses beckon.*

In his article on Monday, William Rees-Mogg dealt with the reality which faces London's health service. He did not challenge the facts put forward to support the case for change, but he drew conclusions rather different from those of just about every health expert who has addressed these problems down the years.

Florence Nightingale first proposed that one London teaching hospital (ironically, St Thomas's) should move out to Blackheath. Successive reports over the past 100 years have said much the same things: there are too many hospitals in inner London, competing for resources and draining money away from other parts of the service where it is badly needed.

Of course Lord Rees-Mogg is right to point out that London *has been a* centre of medical excellence for all those years. Where his argument falters is in assuming that what is *needed to ensure it remains one is to* permit the present diffuse provision to continue. On the contrary, the weight of medical and academic opinion is that it is the duplication and fragmentation of services and research which most threatens London's position.

The argument of the Tomlinson report — that medical schools should merge and unite with university science departments — is widely supported as the best way to train tomorrow's clinicians. The Government believes that concentration and cross-fertilisation of expertise offers Guy's a very attractive future as a major centre of teaching and research, becoming home to King's College and United Medical and Dental Schools.

Similarly, retaining 14 different specialist cancer or cardiac centres weakens London's position in the medical Ivy League, rather than strengthing it. London's Think of the competition for capital investment this causes: if the money *is available to provide a new scanner,* to which of these institutions do we allocate it? Of course, each has its own independent supporters, and *rightly so. But there are strong* arguments for bringing disciplines together, so that one speciality can draw on another, so that doctors and *scientists are brought geographically* closer.

The need to preserve the best is one reason why I have insisted that *University College London Hospital,* as a world-class institution, has a secure future. At the Guy's / St Thomas's Trust, there has been little *dissent among clinicians from the* view that patients' interests will be best served by concentrating services onto one site. The difficult decision was which one.

Of course London will continue to attract patients from far and wide, but the number of patients who need the most specialised or pioneering treatment is tiny compared to the whole. Most patients outside London no longer need a London hospital to cure their ills, in a way they once did. The reasons for referral to a London teaching hospital are disappearing. Traditionally the system chose. Nowadays patients do.

As Lord Rees-Mogg rightly points out, the facts about London hospitals describe a service equipped for the country as much as the capital. Yet as *patients from outside London come* less often, and as the indigenous population itself heads for the suburbs, the demand for hospital services and beds in inner London will shrink. The decisions about reshaping hospital provision, painful though they are, address the problem before it grows still worse. They do so, moreover, in a planned way.

There are two benefits. First, we can afford to strengthen the family doctor and other local health services which *parts of London* badly need. Last week, I announced a further £85 million of investment for next year. This will enable us to make more progress on the 120 *new schemes* already underway to refurbish doctors' surgeries, provide new local health centres and expand the work of community nurses and others. Good community-based services are not only badly needed, but take some of the strain off hospitals, expecially accident and emergency departments, helping to release hospital beds and reduce waiting times.

Second, the rest of the country can benefit. While accepting that London should remain a specialist centre, I do not believe that this justifies continuing to subsidise high costs where they provide no benefit to patients. Otherwise, the rest of the country will not get its fair share of health spending.

Lost causes gather

THE TIMES DIARY

NORMAN LAMONT clearly has no plans to lie down quietly. On Valentine's Day he distinguished himself among the Government's opponents by calling for a national referendum on a single European *currency. And tomorrow he is* likely to press his case further at an Oxford University seminar.

He will be talking at Nuffield College to 100 or so political graduates and PPE students on a subject he still evidently holds dear, the making of economic policy. He has been invited by Vernon Bogdanor, the university's reader in government and one of Oxford's leading proponents of referendums.

Bogdanor agrees that the former Chancellor's call for a referendum is likely to be discussed. "I have argued the case for a referendum when the powers of Parliament are transferred — over things like Maastricht and the single currency."

But Bogdanor stresses that his seminars are not "party-political" affairs, and the press will not be invited. "They're valuable because they enable students to learn not just from textbooks but from the practitioners of politics," he says. "I only ask a speaker when I know someone who knows them."

The link, in this case, appears to be Norman Lamont's erstwhile political adviser David Cameron, who keeps in regular contact with *his former tutor, Bogdanor. But* yesterday Cameron, now at the Home Office, was maintaining a diplomatic silence over his involvement this time.

Judge not

THANKS largely to his investment in London Weekend Television, Melvyn Bragg must be one of the few playwrights who has no need to win the new "playwright of the year" award sponsored by Lloyds Private Banking.

So he is happy to let others vie for the £25,000 prize, confining his role to chairman of the judges. The others include Ned Sherrin, Tim Rice, Nanette Newman and five leading critics. "I see my job as making sure we actually get a result," says Bragg.

Apart from adapting his own novel *The Hired Man* as a musical, Bragg's sole play to date has been *King Lear in New York*, put on at the Chichester Festival Theatre in 1992, and described by Michael Billington as a "good bad play". Billington, who happens to be one of Bragg's panel of judges for the new award, concluded: "I just hope that Bragg, having brushed up his Shakespeare, in his next play draws more heavily on life than the hermetic world of theatre."

Getting that result may not be so easy.

Wise after the event

FRANKIE VAUGHAN gave his fans considerably more than the moonlight on Tuesday night, as he high-kicked off a three-week run at the Green Room in London's Café Royal. His well-received set included "Incurably Romantic", the Sammy Kahn and Jimmy van Heusen number he never did get to sing to his co-star in *Let's Make Love*, Marilyn Monroe.

Among a glittering audience was Ernie Wise, who recalled the crooner's willingness to have his hallmark boater-and-cane routine *literally taken apart on the Morecambe & Wise Show.* "I put my foot through quite a few of his boaters, as I remember," says Wise.

Vaughan, however, recalls it rather differently. "They stuck me in front of this deliberately awful band, with Eric on drums and Ernie playing the trombone. The problem was after about a dozen rehearsals, they were actually becoming quite good."

In a flap

NEVER MIND Bosnia. When John Major reached Nizhny Novgorod yesterday, there was only one question bothering the press: where was that hat? The press-pack expressed concern that it was too cold for a bare-headed walkabout. "Not a bit of it. It's a nice, pleasant spring day," replied the Prime Minister, so fuelling rumours that the headgear had been ruled *de trop* by his image-makers.

Major picked his furry hat with ear-flaps after an extensive beauty parade of Moscow titfers provided by his Downing Street aides Roderic Lyne and Chris Meyer and a former ambassador to Russia, Sir Rodric Braithwaite. Bond Street hatters Herbert Johnson also sent their own selection.

Philip Somerville, one of the Queen's millmers, says the selection process for what should adorn the Royal head is only just beginning. "The Queen is very versatile," he says. But Sasha Kennaway, *Russian expert at Sandhurst*, has an early word of advice. "I expect they are hoping she will wear her crown."

● *Someone will surely pay for the Prime Minister's lapse in Russian toasting etiquette. When he remained seated during Boris Yeltsin's tribute, old Russia hands were horrified. Sir Frank Roberts, former ambassador to the Soviet Union, explains: "It's well-established form to stand up and take part in your own toast in Russia — it's all part of joining in. And it's quite normal to applaud yourself over there. Major can't be expected to know, but someone really should have told him."*

Tory set

A FORMIDABLE pair of Conservatives suffered a calamitous blow on Tuesday night at the Vanderbilt club in west London. Caroline Waldegrave, wife of our aristocratic public services minister, and Shaun Woodward, the party's former campaign director, crashed to defeat at the hands of club members on the tennis court.

Yesterday, Woodward was still smarting from defeat in the invitation tournament organised by restaurateur Prue Leith. "We had a spectacular victory in the first set *and we lost the second by a small* margin," he said, "but I did manage one or two sensational smashes."

Woodward blames his performance on political distractions. On the morning of the match he was offered a visiting chair in politics at Harvard University which he has accepted. And, perhaps more worryingly, he is the prospective candidate for a Labour-held ward in Kensington at this May's local elections.

● *Graham Taylor, the former England football manager, is convinced he speaks in measured tones, despite evidence from that infamous documentary to the contrary. On next week's Radio 4* On the Ropes *programme, Taylor claims that on average he hardly swears at all. "If you count the number of times I swear and divide it by 13 months and 10 matches, then I actually only swear once every two-and-a-half weeks."*

MISCHIEVOUS PEERS

The Lords should delay the police reforms no longer

When the main elements of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill were first proposed by Kenneth Clarke, the then Home Secretary, last year, few in the Government suspected the political difficulties the reform would present. The battle which Mr Clarke's successor, Michael Howard, now faces in the Lords might have been pre-empted by better salesmanship of the bill's more contentious clauses. Mr Howard will have to work hard to win over the more sceptical peers; but he must not be swayed from the principles which underpin the reform.

Though the bill's detractors have argued that it is a centralising measure, it ought to have the opposite effect. Greater control over resources and manpower will be devolved to chief constables. Each force will be encouraged to develop local strategies in partnership with the people they serve. Above all, police authorities will be given new operational powers. Implemented intelligently, the bill should strengthen the bonds between local communities and the police.

Two weeks ago, the Government yielded to the objections of a group in the Lords, led by Lord Whitelaw, to the proposed composition of the new police authorities. Mr Howard agreed that authorities could have more than 16 members where appropriate and that their chairmen should not be centrally-appointed. These were sensible concessions, consistent with the bill's devolutionary purpose. In the pressure it brought to bear on the Home Secretary, the House of Lords was true to its constitutional role as quality controller of the law.

This week, however, a more mischievous revolt has broken out in the Upper House over the distribution of places on the new authorities. Under present proposals, eight of the 16 members will be councillors, three will be magistrates and five will be local "independents" drawn from a shortlist by the Home Secretary. The Lords have been petitioned hard by councillors to resist this scheme, which will end the automatic control of local government over the authorities. Two former Conservative Cabinet ministers, Lord Renton and Lord Rippon, have joined the Labour and cross-bench rebellion.

Significantly, however, Lord Whitelaw has not. His decision to speak in favour of the bill in amended form should have sent a signal to their lordships that it no longer represents a constitutional threat. Police authorities, as currently composed, would be ill-suited to the executive functions which are now to be given them. By introducing the new category of "independents", Mr Howard intends to recruit local people from outside the political world with expertise that may be useful in the management of the police. He will do so with the help of lords lieutenant, seeking local guidance on candidates. If he and his successors are crass enough to appoint ill-qualified placemen, they will suffer the political consequences of so foolish an abuse of patronage.

The new police authorities will be an important experiment in pluralistic local governance, bringing together politicians, magistrates and ordinary citizens to manage a public service. Reforms of this kind, which involve radical shifts of power, require great shrewdness of their progenitors. Since becoming Home Secretary, Mr Howard has sought to make a public impact by announcing new law and order measures on a weekly — and sometimes daily — basis. He must now demonstrate that he is a determined administrative reformer as well as a populist by standing firm in the face of lordly opposition.

TO MOSCOW

The Queen's visit has a clear political purpose

President Yeltsin should be able to make good use of the state visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh which John Major announced yesterday. Apart from Britain, few countries in the world have such a history of royal pomp and magnificence or pay as much attention to the symbolism of pageantry as Russia. For more than 70 years any expression of such sentiment was crushed by communist ideology, while many physical reminders of Russia's tsarist past were systematically obliterated. Royalty, even foreign royalty, was equated with the class system, capitalist oppression and counter-revolution. But the hankering for even vicarious splendour never died.

Russians have long followed the affairs of foreign kings and queens with the curiosity that was only sharpened by taboo. Gradually state visits brought the remaining crowned heads of Europe back to Moscow and Leningrad. But the most famous monarch remained out of reach: the Queen was repeatedly advised that the moment was not right for an historic visit of reconciliation to the land where her grandfather's cousin was murdered.

Because of the long gap since Tsar Nicholas II sailed into Cowes or Edward VII and Queen Alexandra dropped anchor at Revel (now Tallinn), the royal visit is bound to attract more attention and raise greater expectations than any the Queen has made for a very long time. Britain is sending its most powerful signal of confidence in President Yeltsin personally and in the reformist course to which he is committed. There are, of course, political risks. Given the current turbulence in Russia, there is no guarantee that Mr Yeltsin will still be at the helm to receive his royal guests. Russia's reforms have already stalled, and the old guard, now making a come-back, may even force a reversal. Although the visit is certain to be warmly welcomed by most Russians, it could stir nationalist sentiment.

A small but passionate group of monarchists is campaigning for the return of the Romanovs, now represented by Marie, daughter of the late Grand Duke Vladimir, and her teenage son Georgi, and they may see their unlikely cause strengthened. More worrying would be a backlash from the nationalist extremists such as the motley groups backing Vladimir Zhirinovsky.

In what manner and how far the Queen should go in paying homage to the memory of the slain tsar is also a delicate problem of protocol and taste. Too explicit a gesture could stir controversy, not only about the blame for the Ekaterinburg murders which still lie heavy on the consciences of many Russians, but also about the failure of the House of Windsor to offer help or refuge to the doomed family. To ignore the events altogether, however, would seem perverse to many Russians who are beginning to revere the last tsar as a martyr.

The visit should include a call on the Russian patriarch: as head of the Anglican church and with her husband's family connections to Orthodoxy, the Queen is well placed to encourage ecumenical links as well as demonstrating Western approbation for the new-found freedom of religion in Russia. The Russian government will, doubtless, try to show her other flattering of the struggling country, following the tradition set by Prince Potemkin in trying to impress his empress. The Queen will, with unfailing duty, look on it all and see only the best. For this, Russia will be hugely grateful.

ALAS, POOR ARISTIDE

Haiti's robbed president must learn to compromise

It is hard not to feel sorry for Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the charismatic priest-president robbed of his right to govern Haiti by a military coup two years ago. But it is hard, too, not to find him frustrating — as his American hosts now do — as he inflexibly rejects proposals that seek to return his abjectly poor country to its short-lived democratic path. His surly denunciation of the latest American proposal for a compromise with Haiti's military rulers is a case. To call him unreasonable might be churlish, since he was ousted by those with whom America now expects him to co-habit. Nevertheless he appears guilty of naivety.

Mr Aristide, Haiti's most dashing politician since Toussaint L'Ouverture, provokes powerful emotions. Immensely popular in the slums of Port-au-Prince, his election in 1991, on a *lavalas* — or landside — of popular fervour, so alarmed the previously disparate elites that they rallied behind the country's thuggish military establishment. And there they have remained. The business sector feared the consequences of his populist rhetoric; the church hierarchy, hostile to his extra-curricular activities, regarded him as more than just a theological subversive; middle-class professionals reacted in the way that middle-class professionals do when faced with the prospect of social upheaval; and the military, quite simply, was unwilling to transfer power.

The coup was predictable. Forced to seek refuge in America, Mr Aristide has waged an increasingly lonely struggle to restore himself to power. International opinion has been sympathetic, and the United Nations was quick to impose an oil and arms embargo on Haiti. But the strongman, General Raoul Cedras, has so far not budged: his soldiers, along with the armed police of his sancho panza, Col Francois, have terrorised the population and killed much of the opposition. Last July, infamously, they made an American ship turn tail in the face of dock-side intimidation.

Mr Aristide, increasingly frustrated, demands stronger international pressure. But there would appear to be only two options: an armed intervention, redolent of Grenada or Panama, or negotiations with the Cedras regime. The first option, which Mr Aristide would favour, is out of the question: President Clinton would have virtually no domestic support for such action. Negotiations, tied to the threat of severe sanctions, would appear to be the only solution.

The problem with severe sanctions is that they will hit the wrong target, making life even harder for the poor. An impoverished Haitian is a potential refugee, and America has its hands full. But it is axiomatic that only a return to peace in Haiti, and to some semblance of economic productivity, will keep the refugee problem — America's greatest concern — under control. It is time, therefore, for some realism from Mr Aristide: a flexible response to the American proposal will call the military's bluff, and sow divisions in the ranks of its supporters. Heightened sanctions can be applied later if Gen Cedras fails to deliver. Mr Aristide's first duty is to the Haitian people. He must not let principles destroy his judgement.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Call for review of new Bafta awards

From the Editor-in-Chief of ITN and others

Sir, The annual British Academy of Film and Television Awards (Bafta) are regarded as the top awards in our industry. They are chosen by our peers and are recognised and respected by our viewers.

After complaints about the length of last year's awards event (leading article, March 22, 1993) the council of Bafta has looked for a new format and talked with new sponsors. It has now produced a plan which quite simply relegates factual programmes to what is bound to be seen as the second division of television awards.

The main awards ceremony this year, to be held at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, on Sunday, April 24, and now to be known as The Lloyds Bank Bafta Performance Awards, will be the first division. These awards include performance categories such as "best actor" and "best actress", but in addition have all the main programme awards in the areas of light entertainment and drama.

However, all factual programmes, such as news and actuality and all documentaries, have been relegated to The Lloyds Bank Bafta Production Awards, which were previously known as the Craft Awards. That ceremony will be held in Belfast on March 13.

This is muddled thinking by Bafta about what is a performance and what is a production. The net effect is that factual programmes have been removed from where they belong, which is in the main awards ceremony.

Our individual organisations will decide their next steps but jointly, as executives responsible for much of British television's factual programmes, we wish to protest at this decision, and call for it to be reviewed. At a time when cynics are looking for signs of British television losing its commitment to quality this decision is an "own goal" by the body which claims to represent our industry.

Yours sincerely,
STEWART PURVIS
(Editor-in-Chief, ITN),
IAN FRYKBERG
(Head of News and Sport, BSkyB Television),
TONY HALL
(Managing Director, News and Current Affairs, BBC),
S. PREBBLE
(Controller, Network Factual Programmes, ITV Network Centre),
P. SALMON
(Controller of Factual Programmes, Channel Four Television),
Independent Television News Ltd, 200 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
February 15.

Afghan carnage

From Mr John English

Sir, Your leader of February 9, "Great game of death", rightly highlighted the plight of Afghanistan — a country devastated by bitter ethnic conflict, its humanitarian needs virtually ignored by the outside world. The recent outbreak of fighting has already left 800 people dead and 10,000 seriously wounded. Thousands more have been forced to flee their homes.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement is the only agency to have remained in Kabul throughout the recent outbreaks of violence and to have provided continual humanitarian assistance. Every day, Red Cross surgeons and local volunteers struggle with the carnage and misery caused by a city strewn with anti-personnel mines and under constant shell-fire. Tragically, most of the victims are civilians and a high proportion are children whose appalling injuries often have to be treated without the help of anaesthetic or proper medical care.

Since fighting flared up again in January, the Red Cross has managed to deliver more than 10 tons of vitally needed medical supplies and equipment for the 12 hospitals assisted by the Red Cross in Kabul itself. Afghan airspace has been closed since January 24, making the delivery of aid only possible by road convoy.

Some 32,000 people are receiving assistance from the Afghan Red Crescent, with food and blankets being distributed at 48 points in the city. Meanwhile, around 200 families fleeing the fighting arrive in Jalalabad each day, swelling the number of refugees to an estimated 100,000.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN ENGLISH
(Desk Officer, Afghanistan),
British Red Cross,
9 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1.
February 10.

Surprise package

From Sir Duncan Watson

Sir, The other day someone pushed through my letterbox a package containing four sample sanitary towels. On the outside it says: "Please pass on if not appropriate".

As an inappropriate elderly widower, may I pass it in a sense to you, Sir, as an example of today's advertising daftness.

Yours faithfully,
DUNCAN WATSON,
Sconce, Steels Lane, Oxshott, Surrey.
February 12.

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Labour's proposed health changes

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Health

Sir, In proposing new charges on private medicine (report and leading article, February 11) Labour is seeking merely to ensure that the private sector is not subsidised by the NHS. If consultants are trained within the NHS, or if NHS facilities are used by the private sector, it is right that the private sector should pay the full cost to the taxpayer of that training and those facilities.

Where consultants work for the NHS, it is surely reasonable that their primary employer can restrict the amount of work they do for other employers. It is accepted practice in most other sectors.

Labour is not proposing to phase out all private medicine. In a free society, people can choose to go private if they so wish. However, with an NHS facing increasing costs, it is only reasonable to expect that the private sector is not subsidised by the taxpayer, either directly or through tax relief on private health insurance.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID BLUNKETT,
House of Commons.
February 11.

From the Chief Executive of the Independent Healthcare Association

Sir, Far from improving patient care in the NHS, Labour's proposal to place new tax levies on private hospitals will merely serve to increase the pressure on the State service's scarce resources by forcing ever more people to use it.

As the UK's independent healthcare sector currently undertakes at least 20 per cent of all elective surgery, and accounts for more expenditure than the NHS in Scotland, Labour appears to be endorsing a policy which would ultimately demand an unrealistic increase of some 10 per cent on the NHS's budget (an extra £3.5 billion a year). This figure alone could justify Labour's aversion to the inclusion of specific costings in their plans.

Labour's "big idea" to restrict NHS paybeds and simply tax the private sector (no doubt "until the pips squeak") means that after 14 years in opposition the party has managed to come up with precious little that is new.

In the run-up to the forthcoming European elections could they not learn from their continental socialist partners who have been benefiting from their independent healthcare sectors for years?

Yours sincerely,
BARRY HASSELL,
Chief Executive,
Independent Healthcare Association,
22 Little Russell Street, WC1.
February 10.

From Mr David Goodenday

Sir, Your leading article on Labour's health proposals states that "to abolish tax relief on insurance for private health care for the elderly makes some economic sense". It does not!

The increased financial burden would force many pensioners to abandon or at least curtail this expenditure. With the NHS groaning under its ever-increasing load, the extra and accelerating demand this would place on its resources could well be the last straw.

Considering the greater health needs of pensioners, the State gets very good value from its small contribution to the medical insurance of the elderly.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GOODENDAY,
Bunkers Dip, Neville Drive,
East Finchley, N2.
February 12.

Monitoring the guns

From Mr Dominic Flessati

Sir, Lord Campbell of Croy is quite right to say (letter, February 9) that by employing specialised counter-battery units the UN in Sarajevo would be better able to determine whose guns are responsible for such episodes as the market killings on February 6.

In fact two such units were deployed by the Ukrainian battalion in Sarajevo over 18 months ago. They did not last long. The Canadian General Lewis Mackenzie, the first UN chief of staff in Sarajevo, tells us what happened in his book, *Peacekeeper* (which does not seem to have been published in Britain). On July 21, 1992:

a dozen rounds of mortar fire landed in and around the UNHCR hangar at the airport ... the Ukrainian counter-bombardment vehicle's radar was damaged ... it had just arrived and was supposed to be able to tell us who was doing the firing, and from where. Obviously, someone didn't want us to have that capability and had decided to put the vehicle out of action. It would take weeks to get the parts to repair it.

On July 31, two Ukrainian soldiers were killed and a number of others seriously injured. Mackenzie says:

The Ukrainian unit had been manning our one remaining counter-bombardment radar position overlooking Sarajevo from the north, and had come under fire ... There was significant circumstantial evidence that their trench had been grenaded by TDF [Bosnian government] soldiers ... As usual, it was never possible to prove which side had actually carried out the cowardly act.

Episodes like these led General Mackenzie to suspect that some of the more publicised atrocities were either staged or provoked. His outspoken view that "if I could convince both sides to stop killing their own people for CNN [television], perhaps we could have a ceasefire" sealed his fate as a UN commander.

Yours faithfully,
D. FLESSATI,
1 Sylvan Avenue, N3.
February 10.

Pegasus bridge

From Colonel A. L. Mallinson

Sir, Pegasus bridge was indeed a busy place on D-Day — 22 Independent Parachute Company, Major John Howard's glider-borne troops, then 5 Parachute Brigade itself and 1 Commando Brigade (letters, February 7, 11, 14).

It was even busier than this, however, for Lord Lovat's commandos (more correctly, 1 Special Service Brigade) were led for much of the way to the Orne by 1 Troop, B Squadron, 13th/18th Royal Hussars, commanded by Lieutenant Douglas Coker. They were joined later by the rest of the squadron in order to fight off the expected armoured counter-attack, which in the event never materialised.

The Hussars' Sherman tanks had swum 5,000 yards to the beaches to give fire support during the critical minutes in which the infantry were wading from their landing craft — a requirement learnt from the ill-fated Dieppe raid two years earlier.

The tanks got their buoyancy from canvas screens fixed to the decks and made sluggish headway by auxiliary propellers. They were in those choppy seas for almost an hour yet only two of the 33 Shermans sank — a remarkable feat commemorated by the addition of four bars of "A Life on the Ocean Wave" to the regimental march.

Yours etc,
ALLAN MALLINSON,
c/o The Light Dragoons
(13th/18th and 15th/19th Hussars),
Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

From Lt. Col. R. W. G. Nicholls

Sir, Reading Mr Kerven's letter (February 14) it is not difficult to see how history can become confused, even within the lifetime of those who were part of it. The markers, radar and lights set out by 22 Independent Parachute Company were for the guidance of aircraft engaged in an entirely different operation. The plan for the coup de main operation on the bridges did not include the use of such aids; indeed the gliders had no means of picking up radar or radio signals.

The glider pilots released over the coast near Cabourg navigated to their targets on dead reckoning, making use of whatever natural ground features they could pick out.

Yours truly,
R. NICHOLLS (Chairman,
Glider Pilot Regimental Association),
7 Constable Way, West Harnham,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

From Mr L. David Brook

Sir, Major John Howard, who commanded the glider attack, and one of his platoon commanders, now Colonel H. J. Sweeney, have authorised me to say that they were not reinforced by the paratroops until three hours after their glider-borne troops had captured both Pegasus and Horsa bridges (letter, February 11).

In Colonel Sweeney's words, the relief was by only 150 paratroops, who arrived in "dribs and drabs", the remaining 500 being scattered all over the countryside.

This is precisely why gliders were chosen, in order to achieve total surprise and concentration of troops, and why the attack was so successful.

Yours faithfully,
L. DAVID BROOK
(Editor, *Eagle* (Journal of the Glider Pilot Regimental Association)),
Birds Hill, Great Bealings,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Too quick off mark

From Mr John Maitland

Sir, Enclosed in one of his birthday cards my son recently received a very smart badge proclaiming "I AM 2". Unfortunately a toddler's excitement at wearing this tangible evidence of his advancing seniority was punctured when we enforced the grim warning (written in small print on the rim): "Not suitable for children under 36 months."

Yours sincerely,
JOHN MAITLAND,
The Whitehouse,
Sydenham, Oxfordshire.

Prescription charges

From Mrs V. J. Young

Sir, Miss Foskett (letter, February 8) suggests that there are people who "prefer" not to pay their prescription charges. May I point out that no one can claim exemption from these charges unless the local benefits agency already has his/her bona-fide, up-to-date doctor's note and medical information on file. "Preference" does not come into it.

Yours truly,
VERONICA J. YOUNG,
Sunnyside Cottage, Wardlaw Road,
Kirkhill, Inverness-shire.

Costly rescues in snow-clad hills

From Dr Werner Weiglhofer

Sir, The fact that the two-day search for Mrs Jacqueline Greaves in the Cairngorms (report, February 16) required the efforts of numerous mountain rescue teams, costing the community an estimated £75,000, raises serious issues of responsibility.

Recent years have seen more and more people go out and test themselves in Scottish winter conditions, often despite warnings of adverse and dangerous weather conditions. It is surely everybody's right to do so, yet too few hillwalkers and climbers take into account the heavy demands — physical, psychological and financial — on the rescue teams in case of accident or injury.

Charging the full cost of any rescue operation to the rescued party would help ensure that the decision to proceed despite bad conditions is not taken lightly.

Yours sincerely,
WERNER WEIGLHOFER,
32 Cleveden Drive, Glasgow.
February 16.

From Mrs C. A. Siggs

Sir, Could not hill walkers carry a large, vividly coloured, lightweight flag or ground sheet which, when used in an emergency, could easily be spotted by search parties or rescue planes — at least in daylight and in good visibility?

Yours faithfully,
C. A. SIGGS,
35 The Glade,
Shirley, Croydon, Surrey.
February 16.

From Mrs Valerie E. Gaze

Sir, Yesterday you reported that, within the next two years, the Government plans to make people who bring civil claims pay the full costs of running the courts, including the judges' salaries.

Today we learn that the operation to rescue Mrs Greaves may have cost the taxpayer £75,000.

Yours faithfully,
VALERIE GAZE,
Kingsley House, 67 Fore Street,
Chudleigh, Newton Abbot, Devon.
February 16.

Foxing the hunt

From Professor Craig Sharp

Sir, Might I fully support Leicestershire County Councillor Adrian Cross in his suggestion (Diary, February 11) that drag-hunting might be a very acceptable alternative to fox-hunting in his county?

When I took over Liloni Riding School, near Nairobi, in the mid-Sixties I found that I had also inherited occasional meets of the Limuru Hunt. Reputedly the fastest hunt in Kenya, it relied entirely on runners to lay the trail.

Setting off some 20 minutes before the hounds (at 8,000 feet!), I laid a nine-mile trail (of jackals' urine) in the morning, and a colleague did the same after lunch, and everyone, many of them former members of some of the best hunts in England, insisted that a runner gave a far better hunt than a fox or its local equivalent.

With the strong tradition of cross-country and fell-running in Britain, I am sure that many recruits could be found to thoroughly enjoy running the drag, thus keeping the hunt, and saving the fox.

Yours in sport,
N. C. CRAIG SHARP,
The University of Limerick,
Department of PE and Sports Science,
Limerick, Republic of Ireland.
February 11.

From Sir Stephen Waley-Cohen

Sir, Accompanying your report on February 10, "Court declares hunting ban illegal", was a map of England with the caption "Counties where hunting is banned", showing a large proportion of England covered by such bans.

This is highly misleading: the counties concerned mostly own very small acreages, and their possibly illegal bans, which relate only to land which they own and which are not subject to existing tenancies, generally have a negligible effect on hunting. In no county has hunting come to an end, or even materially diminished, as a result of county council decisions.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN WALEY-COHEN,
Honeymead, Simonsbath,
Minehead, Somerset.
February 11.

TV watershed

From Mrs Teresa Sugarman

Sir, How sensible of the BBC to transmit *Middlemarch* at 9.30pm or later. It contains no explicit sex, gratuitous violence or bad language, and gives a clear picture of social history in the 19th century: all of which, of course, makes it unsuitable for younger viewers.

Yours faithfully,
TERESA SUGARMAN,
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Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset.
February 10.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 16: His Excellency Señor Patricio Maldonado was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Ecuador to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Dr Francisco Carrion Mena (Minister), Captain Mario Pinto (Naval Attaché), Señora Soledad de Valencia (First Secretary), Señor Rolando Suárez (Second Secretary) and Señor José Miguel Barra (Commercial Attaché).

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

His Excellency Mr Hiroshi Kitamura and Mrs Kitamura were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Japan to the Court of St James's.

Sir Peter Hall (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Argentine Republic) and Lady Hall were received by The Queen.

The Queen, Patron, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the newly restored building of the Royal College of Pathologists, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1, and was received by the President (Professor Alastair Bellingham) and the Chairman, Appeal Committee (Sir Christopher Benson).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the building and The Queen afterwards unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, later attended a Duke of Edinburgh's International Association Reception for the RTZ Corporation at 19 St James's Square, London SW1.

Major Charles Richards was in attendance.

February 16: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning attended a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 16: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon attended a Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, Chief Commandant for Women in The Royal Navy, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended the Mountbatten Festival of Music 1994, Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 16: Commandant Anne Spencer today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Commandant-in-Chief, Women, Royal Navy, upon relinquishing her appointment as Director, Women's Royal Naval Service.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 16: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, this morning received Colonel John Holland upon relinquishing his appointment as Honorary Colonel, 10th (Volunteer) Battalion, and Major General Michael Jackson upon assuming the appointment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 16: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Asthma Campaign, was present this morning at the first National Conference on Asthma Education and Management at Kensington Town Hall, London W8.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.



MICHAEL POWELL

Peter Brooke, heritage secretary, at the controls of an antique five-seater bicycle. Back seat driving him to a safe spot by one of the Trafalgar Square lions is Angela Dudley of SPARKS (Sports Aiding Medical Research for Children), which national bike week will help with funds

Pedalling to health on a bicycle built for a few

STAFF at the Department of National Heritage are being offered interest-free loans to buy bicycles, talks on cycle maintenance and low cost insurance in a bid to improve health and fitness and cut pollution and congestion on roads (Nick Nuttall writes).

Peter Brooke, the National Heritage Secretary, announced yesterday that his department had become the first in Whitehall to join the Cycle-Friendly Employer scheme launched by the Cyclists' Touring Club as part of Hovis National Bike Week.

Under the scheme employers pledge to set up a bicycle user group, offer secure places to store bikes, install showers and put in lockers to induce staff to switch to pedal power. Membership of the scheme gives access to advice and other benefits offered by the club. There are an estimated 20 million bicycles in Britain but only six million are used regularly. Many are broken or rusting away in garden sheds. Department staff will be able to bring their bikes to work where they can be put in full running order.

Mr Brooke, who was in Trafalgar Square to announce the scheme and pledge nearly £60,000 of funding for the bike week in June, said: "Evidence shows that people who cycle to work are fitter, more alert and more productive than non-cyclists. I hope other Government departments and companies follow our lead."

The move could prove an embarrassment particularly for the environment department which is not a member of the cycle-friendly scheme and does not offer incentives for using bicycles.

Peter McGrath, co-ordinator of the bike week, said that cycling deserved better funding and support from Government, local authorities and British Rail. He said cycle-friendly employer schemes were popular in America where staff get cycle milage equal to that paid for a company car.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M. Hanson and Miss B.A. Fraser
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr J.G. Hanson, CBE, and Mrs Hanson, of Blackheath, London, and Belinda, daughter of the late Sir Hugh Fraser, Bt, and Mrs David Reid, of Princeton, British Columbia.

Dr J.K. O'Brien and Miss E.L. Rant
The engagement is announced between John Kieran, son of Dr and Mrs M.A. O'Brien, of Cork, Ireland, and Emma Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F.A. Rant, of Badgworth, Somerset.

Mr J.L. Paltridge and Miss M.E. Galpin
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr John Paltridge, of Avenue Range, South Australia, and Mrs Valerie Paltridge, of Gawler, South Australia, and Mary, second daughter of Mr Richard Galpin, of Lexington, Kentucky, and Mrs Vivien Galpin, of Westley Waterless, Suffolk.

Captain J.G.McD. Simpson and Miss D.J.K. Barlow
The engagement is announced between Captain John Simpson, The Queen's Royal Lancers, elder son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Simpson, of Tockington, Bristol, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Barlow, of Bradwall, Cheshire.

Marriages

Mr J.J. Longley and Miss E. Codrington
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 12, at St Osmund's, Barnes, between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Longley, of Tonbridge, and Elizabeth (Lizzy), youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Codrington.

Mr T.M. Williams and Miss O.R. Mortensen
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 12, at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Oxton, of Mr Trelawny Williams and Miss Olivia Mortensen. The Rev Michael Brock officiated, assisted by the Rev Geoffrey Hoare.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr Christopher Eadie, was attended by Amelia Beaumont, James O'Donnell, Iona O'Donnell, Katherine Nall, Sophie Fairhead, Richard Martyn-Hemphill, Henry Francklin, Caroline Mahony and Lucy Miles. Mr Nick Miles was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the National Playing Fields Association, will attend a luncheon at Coopers and Lybrand, 1 Embankment Place, at 12.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of St Bartholomew's Hospital, will open the new magnetic resonance scanning unit at the hospital at 2.30..

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the British Computer Society, will attend the awards presentation ceremony at the Royal Society at 6.45.

Service dinner

Bristol University Air Squadron
Air Marshal Sir John Harris, Air Officer Commanding 18 Group, RAF Strike Command, was the guest of honour at the Bristol University Air Squadron annual dinner held last night at Azimghur Barracks, Wiltshire. Squadron Leader R.W. Bond, Commanding Officer, presided. The Air Officer Commanding and Commandant RAF College, Cranwell, the Vice-Chancellor of Bath University and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West of England at Bristol were among the guests.

Appointment

David Griffiths Morris to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Wales & Chester Circuit.

Birthdays today

Sir Derek Andrews, civil servant, 61; Mr Alan Bates, actor, 60; Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP, 60; the Earl of Dundonald, 33; Miss Angela Eagle, MP, 33; the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT, 70; Lord Foot, 85; Mr Bernie Grant, MP, 50; Mr Douglas Hoyle, MP, 64; Mr Barry Humphries, entertainer and author, 60; Sir Gordon Jones, chairman, Yorkshire Water, 67; Mr R.P. Kennedy, headmaster, Highgate School, 45; Miss Julia McKenzie, actress and singer, 53; General Sir John Mogg, 81; Sir Orby Mootham, former Chief Justice, Allahabad, 93; Mr Norman Pace, comedian, 41; Dr Claire Palley, former principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 63; Sir Reginald Pullen, former receiver-general, Westminster Abbey, 72; Mrs Ruth Rendell, crime novelist, 64; Miss Patricia Routledge, actress, 65; Mr Michael Shersby, MP, 61; Lord Slynn of Hadley, 64; Commandant Mary Talbot, former director, WRNS, 72; Mr Elleston Trevor, author, 73; Sir Anthony Wilson, former accountancy adviser to HM Treasury, 66.

Luncheon

Guild of Professional Toastmasters
Mr Ashley Powell, Chairman of the Guild of Professional Toastmasters, presented Mr Ivor Spencer, founder and life president, with a miniature gavel and engraved block and a nebuchadnezzar of champagne at a luncheon held yesterday at the Regent Hotel, London, to mark his 38 years as a professional toastmaster.

Husband and wife win architecture medal

MICHAEL and Patty Hopkins, the husband and wife architects best known for the Mound Stand at Lord's cricket ground and the new opera house at Glyndebourne, were yesterday awarded the 1994 Royal Gold Medal for Architecture by the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The Hopkinses are the second couple to receive the award. The American architects Charles and Ray Eames won it in 1979. Other winners include Sir Edward Lutyens and Sir Richard Rogers.

The Hopkinses, whose practice was established in 1976, are known as modernists but with a keen eye for the contexts of their buildings. Their award-winning tented stand at Lord's, completed in 1987, was praised for its understated innovation. The new theatre at Glyndebourne was hailed as a triumph of brickwork and exposed steel girders.

The citation for the award praised the couple's work as "a reaffirmation that architecture is not only a matter of exploiting technology to build beautifully, nor simply of accommodating difficult and changing tasks in a most elegant way, but above all of capturing in stone and transmitting in bronze the finest aspirations of our age".

Buckingham Palace luncheon

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh yesterday held a luncheon party at Buckingham Palace. The guests were:
Miss Elizabeth Blackadder (artist), Rabbi Julia Neuberger (chairman, Bloomsbury, Camden and Islington Community Health Services NHS Trust), Mr Tom Conti (actor), Professor Simon Lee (Professor of Jurisprudence, Queen's University, Belfast), Professor David London (registrar, Royal College of Physicians), Mr Bill Morris (general secretary, Transport and General Workers Union), Mr Geraint Stanley Jones (chairman, board of governors, Welsh College of Music and Drama) and Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson (commander-in-chief, Strike Command).

Reception

300 Group
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister for Overseas Development, was the guest of honour at a reception given by the 300 Group yesterday at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to mark the centenary of the right to vote for women in the State of South Australia.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Arcangelo Corelli, composer, Fusignano, Italy, 1653; Horace Benedict de Saussure, physicist, Geneva, 1740; René Laënnec, physician and inventor of the stethoscope, Quimper, France, 1781; Selwyn Image, painter, Bodiam, Sussex, 1849; Sir Edward German, composer, Whitchurch, Shropshire, 1862; A.B. (Banjo) Paterson, poet, journalist and author of *Waltzing Matilda*, Narambia, New South Wales, 1864.

DEATHS: Giordano Bruno, philosopher, burned at the stake in Rome, 1600; Molière, playwright, Paris, 1673; James Macpherson, poet, Inverness, 1796; Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, educator, Brugg, Switzerland, 1827; William Collins, landscape painter, London, 1847; John Martin, historical painter, Douglas, Isle of Man, 1854; Heinrich Heine, poet, Paris, 1856; John Braham, singer and composer, London, 1856; Henry Olcott, co-founder of the Theosophical Society, Madras, 1907; Geronimo, Apache leader, Port Sill, Oklahoma, 1908; Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canadian Prime Minister 1896-1911, Ottowa, 1918; Albert I, King of the Belgians 1909-34, killed in a climbing accident in the Ardennes, 1934; Hans Hofmann, Expressionist painter, New York, 1966; Shmuel Agnon, novelist, Nobel laureate 1966, Jerusalem, 1970; Graham Sutherland, painter, 1980.

Baron Karl von Drais de Sauerbrun patented the "draisine", the forerunner of the bicycle, 1818.

Chartered Secretaries and Administrators

The following candidates qualified as graduates of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in the December 1993 examination series:

Abdulazeez A T; Affiu I N K; Al Hassan A A; Alves S L; Amarasinghe T R D; Ambroise M L; Arnold A J; Arnold C M; Arthur G W; Asubiaro A I; Audit B; Ayden R C; Backwell P L; Bain G A A; Balakrishnan S; Bates A L; Bean B J; Bee Soo Poh; Beeby N D D; Bello M O; Billings B; Bishop J E; Bisson J V; Boakye J; Booth R M; Bourne C R; Brewerton I; Brooke P M; Buckel E A; Buckley J T; Bunce A L; Burns M E; Butel P M; Byrne M J; Cade T J; Cahill M T; Campbell F J; Carter B F; Carter D E; Carter P J; Caussyram A D; Chamberlain P J; Chohan J; Christy C J V; Clark R D S; Clarke E; Clarke N; Clayton R W; Clee D S; Clegg J P P; Clegg S R; Cochrane C W; Cole P M; Conliffe P; Constantinou K M; Cook A D; Cook K A; Coupe L A; Cox D W G; Crae A F; Critchley H; Crosse N M; Croucher S C; Curran J M; Curry J; Daniels C E; Dassenaieke L N D; Daw J J; Dayal P; de Freitas M N; de Souza A N J; Devadasan U P; Dewar A W; Diallo S; Dickson M A M; Dorey N; Dowinton L R; Duffy P; Dundon P G; Duut N B; Edgill H M L; Edgington R H; Edwards T K; Efford S J; Elliott B; Eyre R C; Farley S L; Fernando B D N; Fitzgerald C M; Flaws J J; Floyde I M; Flynn L E; Ford J; Forristal G M; Powell M J; Fraser P; French P A J; Fryer C J; Gahan F A M; Gale K A; Ganly O P; Garg A; Ghosh P; Gibbins J D; Gibson J; Goult D A; Graham C A; Greenwood P M; Griffin-Smith P B; Grimshaw P L; Gulhane A A; Gutu M; Hainsworth P; Hall D A; Hall V J J; Halpin O C; Harris R W; Harris S A; Harris S R; Harrison K L; Hawkins L V; Haydon E C; Heapy S P; Hearn C P; Hemingway R P; Hendley T A; Henry L E; Higgins C P; Hines C A; Hobson G; Horsfall S; How J C B; Howe M G; Hughes C A; Hughes G P; Humphryes K E; Hurley J A; Hypolite A; Jayaratne M M; Jegede I O; Jewell L J; Jiffry F F; Jones D R; Jones S A; Kelly S K; Kelly W L; Kenny E A R; Kent S; Kerr B J; King H M G; Koske F K A; Kpogho A M B; Kumar A; Kwesigabo J D S; Lau Fung Mui R; Lawson W N A; Lees J K; Leigh A F; Lim Wai Hua; Logue D E; Lyon D T; MacKay P D L; Magan B A; Maguire A J; Maharajh U; Maher T M; Maidment J P; Mangan J E; Marshall S R; Marson G; Marten L; Matton V; McAdam P E; McAlister S J B; McCarthy S; McCormick S; McEleney E C; McGookin A E; McKenna E; McLellan D; McLoughlin S; Mead S A R; Menon R; Michliel S; Middleton S C; Miguel de Miguel; Miller A C; Miller J V; Millichap I P; Mmopi B K; Money P D; Moores P J; Morgan J C; Morin P D; Mosley K; Mulubwa D; Munasinghe A W M; Murugan S; Nicholls E A; Noble N B; Norton A W; Nuckchady S B S; O'Brien P A; O'Mahony F D; O'Sullivan M; Okpala S; Omosevwerha F O O; Onaeko O D M; Osinowo A B; Ovienrioba T I O; Oyedele E O; Oyelusi A A; Pal S K; Parry R A; Paterson A K; Patterson J M; Peake J M; Pearson M A; Perera J M K; Perkins S N; Perks R J; Petrie A G; Philips P U; Phillip M A; Pineo C B W; Pitts H A; Poole H B; Pratt D; Preston S; Proper K J; Putley S J; Pullier M J; Qajan P C; Ramji M; Ravishankar R; Rayson T D; Read A; Richards H J; Ritchie M A; Robinson L J; Rose-Smyth M C; Roy A K; Sanderson B J; Sankey C M; Satchell L A; Scott R; Seenundun S; Serwaa A; Sharieff E H; Sharman L A; Shekoni L A; Shelswell A A; Shemilt C; Simmons K; Skinner A J; Smith J L; Smith S; Smith S C; Soden J B; Somerville J M W; Soreefan A F; Spencer R L; Spriggs E; Staples G; Steels G F; Stevens D B; Stevens G M; Stirrup K D; Stokes J M; Storey P; Sudarsan A; Syvret C A; Tallon F K; Tan Meng Siew; Taylor F E; Thomas F W; Thorburn A A; Thurman J H; Tomkinson K J; Tsappis N J A; Tunney D T; Unatenne K N; van Alphen A M H; Vickers D M; Wallace J C; Warr M R; Wells A E; White R P; White T C M; Whitty C J; Wilcox K M; Williams H J; Williamson C J; Williamson P; Wilson A J; Winter M E; Woods J; Woods K E; Woolfall P L; Woolley H C; Wright S J; Yap Pik Kuan; Young L F; Young T

Dinners

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Dr Richard Van Atta, Mr Philip Tittler and Mr John Chisholm were the speakers.

London School of Economics and Political Science
Sir Allen Sheppard, Charman of the London School of Economics and Political Science Second Century Campaign Committee, presided at a dinner held last night at 20 St James's Square. Dr John Ashworth, director of the LSE, and Professor Nicholas Stern also spoke.

Mr Hugh Dykes, MP
On Monday, February 14, 1994, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP, held a Dinner at the Beefsteak Club. The guests were:
Mr Eric Bettelheim, Sir Michael Butler, Mr Stephen Catlin, Mr Tom Donaldson, Mr John Drew, the German Ambassador, Mr Christopher Johnson, Mr Martin Knight, Mr John Maples, Mr Geoffrey Martin, Mr Jeffrey Mayer, Mr Robert Seigel, Mr Paul Steinmetz, Mrs Valerie Strachan, CB, the Right Hon Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT, Mr Gerry Wade, Mr Brian Williamson and Mr Stanislas M Yassukovich (Hon CBE).

They murder the widow and the stranger and put the fatherless to death. They say the Lord does not see: God of Jacob pays no heed.
Psalm 94 . 6.7 (REB)

BIRTHS

AL HAJRI - On February 10th 1994 at the Wellington Hospital, to Gumza and Mohamed, a beautiful daughter, Fatima.

BARRETT - On February 11th, to Gillian and Shaun, a son, Dominic James, a brother for Charlotte and Natalie.

BEATSON-HIRD - On February 1st in New York, to Suzannah and Jonathan, a son, Digby George, a brother for Hubert.

BLACK - On 13th February, to Nicola and Jamie, a son, Fergus.

BRADY - On 13th February, to Alison (née Raisman) and Dermot, a son, Hugo William Dermot, a brother for Hannah.

EVANS-BEVAN - On February 9th, to Philippa and David, a son, Patrick David, a brother for Alice.

FLETCHER - On February 11th at The Portland Hospital, Emily Annette, a daughter to Elena and Phillip, a sister to Phillip Jr.

HAGGAS - On February 10th 1994, to Simon and Emma (née Lawson), a daughter, Pollyanna Mary.

KING - On 11th February in Melbourne, to Cathryn and Richard, a daughter.

MAITLAND - On February 10th, to Jane and Johnny, a daughter, Lucy Louise, a sister for Jessica.

MANLEY-COOPER - On February 5th, to Lucy (née Hay) and Justin, a son, Henry Charles, a brother for Lydia Jane and Isabelle Annie.

ODGERS - On February 14th, to Henrietta (née Macdonald) and James, a son, Thomas William Blake, a brother for Leticia and Catriona.

PARKER - On 10th February 1994, to Petra (née Bray) and Robin, a son, Matthew Jonathan.

VELARDE - On 13th February to Tina (née Webster) and Matthew, a beautiful daughter, Portia Elise, a sister for Max and Archie.

WALSH - On 16th February 1994, to Beverley (née Webb) and Eamonn, a son, Luke Rory, a brother for Eoin, at Princess Margaret Hospital.

DEATHS

APPLETON - Susan, beloved wife of John, peacefully at home on Sunday morning February 13th after 57 years of happy marriage. The end of a lifetime partnership. Will always be in my thoughts. Rest in peace my darling. Funeral - 11.30 am Tuesday, February 22nd - Falconwood Crematorium, Eltham.

BARBOUR - On 13th February, Robert Fraser of Southborough, Kent, aged 67 years, the beloved husband of Wendy and a much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, on Tuesday 22nd February at 10 am followed by a private cremation. No flowers but donations appreciated to British Heart Foundation c/o Ord-Hume Funeral Directors, 33A Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2RS, tel: (0732) 353746.

BUCHAN - Christina Dowager Countess of Buchan, on February 15th, peacefully in her sleep, aged 87. Beloved mother of Malcolm, Sarah and Caroline. Thanksgiving Service at St Leonard's Church, Semley, Dorset, at 12 noon, Saturday February 26th. No flowers by request.

COLE - On 16th February 1994, Edith Mary (née Clinkard) aged 82, of Old Headington, Oxford, widow of Lt. Col. R.B. ("Bunny") Cole DSO TD MA. Dear mother and grandmother. Cremation Oxford Crematorium Friday 18th February 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations to League of Friends of Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford.

CROWLEY - On February 8th, Geoffrey Curtis, aged 94. Widower of Kitty; father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Sadly missed.

EYRE - On February 15th, Patricia Marguerite, wife of the late John Stewart Eyre. Mother of Jane FitzGerald and Alison Cromwell. Funeral Service Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Wednesday February 23rd at 12 noon. No flowers, donations if desired for the Macmillan Nurses may be sent to Jollys Funeral Directors, 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath.

FANGHANEL - On February 15th suddenly at work, Peter aged 72 years. Loving friend and husband of Angela, beloved brother, father and grandfather. A man of many qualities, appreciated by all. Funeral on Friday February 25th at 2 pm at Luton Crematorium, Stopsley. Beds Flowers, or if preferred donations to Asthma Research Council. Enquiries to Chenery Funeral Services Ltd. (0462) 434375.

GALLAGHER - On February 14th at the Eastbourne District General Hospital, Constance, aged 70 years, dearly loved wife for 47 years of Edward Francis. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday February 24th at 10.45 am. Flowers to Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

GRIMOND - On February 15th, peacefully in London, Laura Miranda, widow of Joseph, beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral 12.45pm February 21st, St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall. Details of a Service of Thanksgiving for both their lives will be announced.

HART - On 12th February 1994, peacefully at Chesterton Hospital, Cambridge, Dr. George Atherton Hart, F.R.C.A., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., V.R.D., aged 83. Much loved by his wife Isobel, sons Christopher and Michael and their families. Funeral private for family and close friends. Memorial Service at Wesley Chapel, Christs Pieces, Cambridge, on Saturday 12th March at 11.30 am. Enquiries may be made to H.J. Paintin Ltd., Funeral Directors, 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge, tel: (0223) 891226.

JEANES - On February 15th, Melford Arthur, suddenly but peacefully at his home at Nether Stowey, Bridgwater, aged 73 years. The beloved husband of Dinah. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Nether Stowey, on Tuesday February 22nd at 10.15 am followed by cremation at Taunton Deane. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for St Margaret's (Somerset) Hospice may be left at the Church or sent to Grandfield & Son Funeral Directors, Nether Stowey, Bridgwater (0278) 732219.

KEITH - On February 15th in hospital, bravely from cancer, James Robin Glyn, adored husband of Maggie, loving father of James, brother to Ian and brilliant Uncle. Private cremation. Date for Thanksgiving Service will be announced later. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign c/o J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, London W8 6LA.

KINGCOME - Brian, Charles Brian Fabris DSO, DFC & Bar, died at his home in Devon on February 14th 1994. The funeral will be held on Wednesday 23rd February at 3 pm at St Peter's, Eaton Square, London SW1.

KNIGHT - On 12th February 1994, Thomas E Knight, dearly loved husband of Kay, much loved father of Michael and Garry, father-in-law of Alexandra and Evelyne, and grandfather of Tara, Tanya, Natasha, Anoushka, Nicholas and Stephanie. Funeral Service 10 am on Thursday 24th February at St Georges Church, Bickley, Bromley. By request, family flowers only to Francis Chappell & Sons, 231 High Street, Bromley, BR1 1NZ. Donations in lieu may be sent to Salvation Army Bromley Corps, c/o Major David Scott, Salvation Army, 11 Rafford Way, Bromley, BR1 3EN.

LEE - Isobel Mary, peacefully in London on February 14th, in her 102nd year. Widow of Canon Dudley Westerman Lee and mother of Barbara, Tony and Catharine. Funeral at St Mary Magdalene, Tanworth, Wednesday February 23rd at 12 noon. Donations if desired to Tanworth Church.

LEY - Frederick Gordon, passed peacefully away on 16th January 1994 aged 86. Cremation has taken place. No flowers but donations to London City Mission if desired.

MACGREGOR-HASTIE - On Saturday February 12th, Professor Roy A.N., Historian and Writer, aged 64 years. Requiem Mass to be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Caterham, on Monday February 28th at 10am followed by committal at Worth. Enquiries to B.C. Baker and Son Funeral Services, 15-17 High Street, Caterham, CR3 5UE. tel: (0883) 343219.

MATHESON-BRUCE - Graeme aged 48. On February 12th peacefully at The Royal Free Hospital. Funeral on Saturday February 19th at 10.30 am at Fairmuir Church, Dundee, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Friends of The Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3.

McGARRY - Mary 'Maureen'. Peacefully in Folkestone on February 13th. Much loved and much missed mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Service at 2pm Friday February 18th at St Joseph's, Cheriton. Flowers or letters c/o Chittendens, 1 Ingoldsby Road, Folkestone, tel: (0303) 851466 or donations to Cancer Research.

MITCHELL - Suddenly on 14th February, at her home, The Crest, Little Haven, near Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, in her 93rd year, Elizabeth (Beth), (former Deputy Headmistress of Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks, Kent). Funeral Tuesday 22nd February 1994, service 11.15 am at Walton West Church, Little Haven, followed by cremation, 12.30 pm at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth. Family flowers only. Donations for Walton West Church may be sent c/o Mr Keith Hart, 3 Holbrook Road, Broad Haven, nr. Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA62 3HZ.

MITCHELL - On February 15th, Sheila (née Macbeth), aged 103, wife of the late J.F. Mitchell I.C.S. Recently in the excellent care of Beechwood Lodge Home, Batheaston. Cremation at Bath, 21st February 3 pm. No flowers.

MUNRO-WALKER - On February 14th 1994 in great serenity, May, aged 88, widow of William John Munro-Walker and beloved mother of Paul. Funeral Tuesday 22nd February 12 noon at Bournemouth Crematorium. All welcome. Cut flowers may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth.

NORTH - On February 15th 1994, peacefully, Colonel Walter Sowden North C.B.E., Royal Marines retd., devoted husband of the late Kathleen and dearly loved father of Jenifer and Michael and grandfather of Patrick, Katharine, Susan, Thomas, Alexandra and John. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday 24th February at 12 noon.

ROOKE LEY - Peacefully on 14th February, Paul. R.I.P. Funeral family only.

SHEDDEN - On February 13th, peacefully, Janet Freeland, widow of Hamilton, formerly of Sevenoaks, Kent. Dearest mother of Joan, grandmother and great-grandmother. Service at Southampton Crematorium on Tuesday February 22nd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please.

SHORT - On 14th February 1994, suddenly but peacefully after arrival at hospital, Capt. Kenneth Albert, D.S.O. R.N. retd., aged 86. Beloved husband of Denise, dear father of Michael and Christopher and much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Essendon, prov. Wednesday 23rd February at 2 pm. Enquiries to J.J. Burgess, Hatfield, tel: (0707) 262122.

SOWDEN - On 18th November 1993. Peacefully in Australia, Jean: Memorial Service at St Peter's Church, Formby, on Monday February 21st at 3 pm. All enquiries to Dean Bros. tel: (0704) 872023.

ST JUST - Maria, on February 15th, died peacefully at home in London. Widow of the late Lord St Just. Beloved mother of Pulcheria (Katya) and Natasha and adored grandmother of Natalia and Tamara. Flowers to the Church. Funeral will be held at 11 am on Wednesday February 23rd at the Russian Cathedral of All Saints, 67 Ennismore Gardens, SW7. Burial at Wilbury Park, nr. Salisbury, Wilts. Memorial to be announced.

WALTERS - On February 12th, peacefully, Joyce Amy. Funeral Mass at St John's Wood Parish Church on Tuesday February 22nd at 1pm followed by cremation at Golders Green at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, (071) 229-3810.

WALKER - On February 15th, Henry Arthur (Chips), beloved husband of Patricia (formerly Hammer) and the late Quill and father of Christopher and Mary and a loving grandfather. Loved and sadly missed by his step-family. Service at Witchampton Church, nr. Wimborne, Dorset, on Monday February 21st at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care or Spetisbury Church Restoration Trust c/o Charles Small & Son, Funeral Directors, 15 West Street, Wimborne, Dorset, tel: (0202) 882372.

WILKINSON - On 11th February peacefully in the gentle care of BUPA Winscombe, Kingswood, Miss Margaret Edith aged 86. Daughter of the late Mr & Mrs C.P. Wilkinson, sister of the late Philip Wilkinson and dear friend of many. Funeral Service on Thursday 24th February at All Saints Church, Carshalton at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium at 2.15pm. All flowers and enquiries to W.A. Truelove & Son Ltd., (081) 642-8211.

WOODHOUSE - On February 14th 1994 peacefully at Swanage, Paul Henry Benson Woodhouse, Major T.D., The Royal Hampshire Regiment, aged 84. Formerly Assistant Master Peter Symonds School, former Mayor of the City of Winchester and a Director of the Hampshire Chronicle Group of Newspapers. Funeral Service in Winchester Cathedral on Monday February 21st at 12.30 pm. Donations, if desired, to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral (Music Endowment Fund), The Cathedral Office, 5 The Close, Winchester SO21 9LS.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

MORTIMER - Remembering John, Kings Own Scottish Borderers, killed Burma, 50 years ago today.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

DUIGNAN - John Joseph, F.R.Met.S. Schoolmaster, S. died 17th February, 1984. B.S.D. and E.M.S.D.

FIELDHOUSE - John, dearest Dad, not just a father but a loving friend. Mark, Amanda and Sarah will always love and miss you.

FIELDHOUSE - John. Love you now and always darling, the days are long until we meet again. Midge.

SHONEKAN - George Adebayo on this the second anniversary of your death. Always in our heart, rest in perfect peace.

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AINSLEY - Sarah. All my love and best wishes for a quick and full recovery. Richard.

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OBITUARIES

ALBERT McINTOSH

Albert McIntosh, OBE, who became the first Professor of Marketing at the London Business School after a business career ending as General Manager of Mars, died in London on February 10 aged 89. He was born in Selkirk on July 29, 1904.



A LEADING member of the Communist Party in the 1930s, A. W. McIntosh (always known as Mac) was perhaps a surprising choice as Professor of Marketing at the newly opened London Business School in 1965. But he had — after short periods as editor and scriptwriter under John Grierson at the Empire Marketing Board, and as a market researcher at the Erwin Wasey advertising agency in 1930-31 — been in marketing and management all his working life.

As a management consultant with Harold Whitehead and Partners for 14 years, and as marketing manager, and subsequently general manager, at Mars from 1947 to 1965, he was conspicuous for his unconventional opinions, clear thinking and writing, and contempt for imprecision or dishonesty in thought, speech, and writing.

Albert William McIntosh was born in the Borders, the son of a licensed grocer in Jedburgh. At the age of three he contracted polio, which left him lame, with a withered leg, all his life. He refused to wear the callipers which were prescribed for him, insisting on walking unaided or with sticks.

He was educated, on the Border Counties Scholarship, at George Watson's College in Edinburgh, and then on a bursary at Edinburgh University, where he gained the best first-class degree in history in 1926, having been secretary of debates at the University Union. His final term was at the time of the General Strike. As chairman of the University Labour Club, he succeeded in having his final examinations postponed so that he could join the Labour Club secretary, Jennie Lee, at strike headquarters in Leith, where they assumed responsibility for issuing licences for approved lorries to travel between Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the docks.

Coming to London, to study economic history at the Institute of Historical Reserach, he soon became involved in left-wing politics. He visited the Soviet Union in 1930, pursuing the director Sergei Eisenstein around Moscow in an open truck. He joined the Communist Party in that year, and by 1939 was North London organiser, a member of the London District Committee, and active in encouraging industrial action in London Transport. However, he was outraged by the Nazi-Soviet Pact, and with Harry Pollitt and Jack Gaster resigned from the party. Pollitt and Gaster recanted quickly: McIntosh never did. He remained a socialist, and a member of the Labour Party, all his life, but took no further active part in politics.

At Mars, McIntosh strongly supported the American egalitarianism which Forrest E. Mars had introduced when he founded the UK business in 1932. As general manager, in charge of 2,000 employees, he clocked in at 8.30 every morning, and lost a day's pay if he was one minute late. He ate with cleaners or foremen in the canteen, wearing a white coat whenever he was in the factory. Though he had his own office off the open-plan space where all but directors worked, his door was always open.

When he announced his retirement from Mars at the age of 60, Forrest E. Mars tried to persuade him to move to the United States as vice-president — the most senior non-family executive — of the Mars worldwide operation. He preferred to accept an offer from Arthur F. Earle, principal of the London Business School, to become the first professor of marketing in Britain. Here again, his clarity of mind and speech, and his freedom from academic jargon and received thinking, made him popular with students and respected by his colleagues. He combined his work at the London Business School with public service, as a member of the Consumer Council, and the Post Office Economic Development Committee, and chairman of its working party on data transmission. For this work he was appointed OBE in 1970.

On his second retirement, when he characteristically left in time for his successor to establish himself in advance of the school's move to Regent's Park, he again took up historical research. He became a recognised expert on the "regicides", the members of the House of Commons who signed the death warrant of Charles I in 1649. His meticulous research showed that the royalist claim that they did so under duress was a calumny. His work influenced the revision of C. V. Wedgwood's classic text; he published several journal articles, a monograph for the House of Lords Record Office library, and a number of new entries for the *Dictionary of National Biography*.

McIntosh was a passionate traveller, photographer, lover of antiques, paintings, film, and music, and debater. He married, in 1932, Helena Agnes (Jenny) Britton, who died in 1989. A convinced atheist, he insisted at Jenny's funeral in 1989 that she had been, as he was, a lifelong socialist and humanist. He is survived by his son Andrew (Lord McIntosh of Haringey) and daughter Mary, Reader in Sociology at the University of Essex.

THE HON LADY GRIMOND

The Hon Lady Grimond, widow of the late Lord Grimond, died on February 14 aged 75. She was born on October 13, 1918.

LAURA GRIMOND, daughter of Lady Violet Bonham Carter (later Baroness Asquith of Yarnbury), was herself one of her party's strongest hidden assets and became an increasingly prominent figure in Orkney's political life. She first visited Orkney in 1945 when her husband unsuccessfully contested the seat of Orkney and Shetland. But when he was returned for the constituency in 1950, the family put its roots down there — and she increasingly made it her home, bringing up her youngest son almost entirely at the Old Manse in Kirkwall.

Born into a family of distinguished Liberals — her father was Sir Maurice Bonham Carter who had been private secretary to her grandfather Herbert Henry Asquith — Laura Miranda Bonham Carter was educated privately in London, France and Austria. She first met Jo Grimond when she was 18 and two years later they were married.

Laura Grimond might well have been a politician herself had she not had four children to bring up ("Poor Laura," her mother used to say in tones of some Edwardian horror, "she seems to be always blacking boots"). But, though she was notoriously unpunctual, she proved an invaluable aide to her husband in his career, particularly in Orkney and Shetland. In the ten years that he was leader of the Liberal Party, involving three general elections, she took the whole burden of the constituency upon her shoulders. She would tour the parishes and islands, addressing meetings on his behalf. During the time when the family lived in London — something which she considered a necessary political evil — she worked as a magistrate in Richmond. She resigned from the bench there in 1960, citing her increased political activities.

A direct and practical woman, Laura Grimond could be outspoken on those issues about which she felt strongly. Although lacking her mother's mesmerising eloquence, she was an effective speaker who worked especially hard for the Women's Liberal Federation, in which she was involved for over twenty years. She was never afraid, too, to raise issues that others were too timid to ventilate. She once publicly complained about the "restrictive quota system" operating against Jews entering independent London schools, and she was merciless towards the Conservative Party's habit of rewarding its workers with ribbons and baubles.

By the late 1960s she had sufficiently impressed Scottish party officials for them to ask her to stand at the next general election as the candidate for West Aberdeenshire, at that stage a Liberal seat. Laura Grimond's strength in the area lay in her robust attitude towards Scottish Nationalism (she thought the SNP programme too narrow). But, though she kept the SNP vote down to a mere 2,000, she lost the seat by over 5,000 votes to Colonel Colin "Mad Mitch" Mitchell (the recent hero of the evacuation from Aden).

Although Laura Grimond never sat at Westminster, she continued an active political life, even serving on the Alliance's defence commission, 1984-86. (Roy Jenkins remarked that she was "about as sympathetic to the idea of unilateralism as her redoubtable mother had been to appeasement".)

In Scotland she sat on the Ancient Monuments Board, and from 1974-80 was the councillor for the parishes of Firth and Harray on the Orkney Islands Council, and chairman of its housing committee. She championed various Orkney causes, particularly heritage issues, and founded the Orkney Heritage Society.

Laura Grimond had a stroke in December 1992 and subsequently gave up public life. Her husband died in Orkney in October last year and she is survived by two sons and a daughter, one son having predeceased her.



ROBERT BAYNE-POWELL

Robert Bayne-Powell, CB, formerly Senior Registrar of the Family Division, High Court of Justice, died on January 30 aged 83. He was born on October 10, 1910.



ALTHOUGH by profession a barrister, Robert Bayne-Powell had a range of other interests, and a gift for being liked through his friendly character. He was a wise adviser and a good friend to many.

His family home was Brockhill, Broadclyst, Devon. He went to Charterhouse and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in classics and modern languages — and coxed the Trinity trial eights. Like his father and grandfather, he was called to the Bar, in 1935, and three years later married Nancy Phillips (who predeceased him).

In 1940 he was commissioned into the Intelligence Corps and served in SOE from 1941-45, when he was posted to the Allied Control Commission for Austria with the rank of major. A stay in Rome waiting to be allowed to enter Vienna started his lifelong interest in art and the opera, and in Italy itself — he spoke fluent Italian.

On demobilisation, he returned to the Bar, practising in what was then called Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division; and in 1964 was appointed Registrar, becoming Senior Registrar 1976-81. No appeal against his judgments was ever upheld. From 1978-81 he was a member of the Senate of the Inns of Court and Bar. He was appointed CB in 1981.

Most of his friends knew him in other guises. His love of art, originating in Italy in 1945, led to his becoming an expert on portrait miniatures, of which he had a fine collection. He was Keeper of the Miniatures at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, and consultant to Sotheby's, writing accounts of three miniatures collections, that on the Fitzwilliam being published in 1985. He was a member of the Reviewing Committee for the Export of Works of Art from 1975-82.

His club was the Athenaeum, which he chaired from 1977-80, and was for long on its wine committee — wine, especially claret, being one of his particular interests; and he belonged to its chess circle. He was a member of the exclusive Lucretians Dining Club.

The Mount, his seven-acre garden at Borough Green in Kent, which he bought in 1942, holds a large collection of his rhododendrons, all 352 named ones duly annotated in his accessions book, and there are many unnamed hybrids as well.

In his parish of Platt, he was churchwarden, 1974-77, and connected with many other village activities.

He is survived by his three children. His wife died in 1979.

DOROTHY MARSHALL

Dorothy Marshall, social historian, died on February 13 aged 93. She was born on March 26, 1900.

WITH the death of Dorothy Marshall, one of the last links is broken with the pioneering world of the new social history which did so much to transform the discipline immediately after the First World War.

Dorothy Marshall went from her grammar school at Preston to Girton in the autumn of 1918. Her tutor was Eileen Power, whose inspiration and warmth in her handling of students, as well as in her research and writing, remained the dominant influence in Marshall's own long academic life.

Postgraduate work at the London School of Economics as well as at Girton resulted in a PhD which was published in 1926 under the title *The English Poor in the Eighteenth Century*. Reissued as late as 1969, it made a permanent contribution to English social history. It also opened up her academic career, though jobs were few.

She was a schoolteacher for a while in Reigate, held a temporary appointment at Vassar in the United States and at Johannesburg, did a little teaching at Girton, and then entered mainstream university life, first at Bedford College, London, then at Durham, and finally at Cardiff (1937-67), finishing as one of the first to be elected to the new rank of Reader in the University of Wales.

One of her first pupils there was the young Roy Jenkins, who later admitted that her aid in teaching him how to write Oxford-style history essays had been crucial to his gaining entry to Balliol. She was subsequently elected fellow of her college at Cardiff and awarded an honorary doctorate at the University of Lancaster: both honours gave her great personal pleasure.

Major academic contributions came between 1956 and 1968 when a series of books on the 18th century, notably her general account of the century published by Longman, made her one of the key interpreters of the age.

All this was accomplished in spite of a heavy teaching load, no sabbatical leave, and a deep family commitment to her mother and to her sister-in-law (her only brother was killed in the Second World War, leaving a widow and two small boys). Her teaching gave inspiration and enrichment to all fortunate enough to be her pupils. Lightness of touch was also there.

Her flat overlooked the Glamorgan cricket ground at Cardiff Arms Park, a simple fact that added to the popularity of her seminars on Tudor economic history. Her retirement to her beloved Old Hutton in the Lake District continued to be active, enlivened by a stream of visitors, her pupils, their children, in time their grandchildren — a tribute to her deep and continued understanding of the young and to her true Christian kindness. She was a loyal member of the Church of England, and held a firm yet unostentatious religious belief.

WALTER JUDD

Walter Henry Judd, a former US Congressman who made his name through opposition to the Communist regime in China, died in Mitcheville, Maryland, on February 13 aged 95. He was born in Rising City, Nebraska, on September 25, 1898.

CHINA was the focus of Walter Judd's dual careers, both as a doctor and a politician. The son of a Sunday school teacher, he had formed an early ambition to be a missionary, and in 1925 achieved his aim when, after obtaining his medical qualifications, the Congregationalists sent him to Nanking. It was a tough assignment. Judd found himself at a mission hospital in Shaowu, in Fukien Province, which was riddled with both mosquitoes and bandits. After five years and 46 serious attacks of malaria he succumbed to the former, and returned to the United States where he was offered a fellowship in surgery by the Mayo Foundation.

But two years later, in 1934, he was back in China, in the malaria-free area of Shansi Province, and it was there that his mission became a haven for the thousands of Chinese fleeing before the Japanese onslaught. Fenchow, the site of his mission hospital, was captured by the Japanese in 1938, but for five months Judd remained at his post before returning to America. There he set out to arouse the United States from its stupor of isolationism, using his own resources to make 1,400 speeches in two years across 46 states, against the dangers of the Japanese menace.

Broke and dispirited, Judd abandoned his crusade in 1941 and went into private medical practice. But a year later he was persuaded to stand for Congress as a Republican for Minnesota and won a decisive victory with the backing of the local labour unions. In Washington, Judd continued to campaign for China, which for him was the China of Chiang-Kai-shek. He was instrumental in achieving the relaxation of US immigration laws against the Chinese and in efforts to curb the opium trade, but his chief claim to fame was in his violent opposition to Chinese Communism. In this cause he was to support Senator Joseph McCarthy in his campaign against an alleged Communist conspiracy within the State Department, and fought for increased US aid to the Nationalist regime in China.



By 1952 Judd was one of the most admired politicians among conservative Americans, and was even considered by Dwight Eisenhower for the vice-presidential nomination (which went instead to Richard Nixon). He continued, however, to press his views on China as chairman of the House sub-committee on Far Eastern affairs, and fought — for many years successfully — against the admission of Communist China to the United Nations. He was selected to deliver the keynote address at the Republican National Convention in 1960, and made a dramatic intervention in the presidential campaign of that year by claiming (correctly) that John Fitzgerald Kennedy was suffering from Addison's disease.

But his star was fading. In 1962 he was defeated in the Congressional elections following changes in the boundaries of his district. His political career was not quite finished. In 1964 Judd won designation as his state's "favourite son" candidate in the presidential race, but garnered only 22 votes on the first ballot. He retired from politics shortly afterwards, at least officially, but in 1966 he was back on Capitol Hill, telling a Congressional committee that the Chinese Communist government "does not represent the Chinese people any more than the Quisling regime in Norway represented the Norwegian people".

In 1971, when the UN General Assembly admitted mainland China as a member and expelled the Nationalists, Judd called the vote "a cynical affront to human justice". But he made no comment when President Nixon made an official visit to Peking a year later, and ultimately recognised the Communist regime. The battle lost, Judd remained at heart a loyal Republican. He leaves his wife Miriam and three daughters.

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Fortunately it was in the year 1811 that Paul, a fugitive and impoverished French aristocrat, brought Mélanie to Brighton. Fortunately because, in that year, if you were—like Mr. Coward's story—slim but not scraggy, frail but gracefully rounded, it was wonderful what costume could do to conceal the inconsequence of your character by revealing and decorating your charms.

As for Paul and Mélanie, nothing in their history became them quite so well as their dresses. Paul had found her singing in a café. Observing, with the shrewdness of Mr. Noel Coward, that her talent was no less than that of Mlle. Yvonne Printemps, he entered into a business partnership with her, brought her to England, passed her off as the daughter of a nobleman, and set about finding her a rich husband, upon whom he was to receive a commission. Need the anecdote be pursued? Mélanie, while pretending to be a woman of business, "followed her Secret Heart"—and a very pretty song it is when Mlle. Printemps sings it. Paul was her secret heart, but it was not until very late in the play that he discovered it—almost too late, for Mr. Coward had to make his emotional transitions positively skip in his determination to persuade the right wedding bells to ring down his final curtain. Never mind. This is an entertainment, not a psychological analysis of romantic love, and an entertainment it certainly is.

ON THIS DAY

February 17 1934

The French actress Yvonne Printemps, who died in 1977, enchanted English audiences with her singing of "I'll follow my secret heart" in Noel Coward's play, Conversation Piece.

Mlle. Printemps is enchanting. That we did not sooner guess the secret of her secret heart must have been our own fault, for in all else, in every detail of mockery and feeling, she is brilliantly explicit, throwing a glitter of laughing criticism over every scene in which she appears and carrying off (in French) that passionate revelation which, if she had not been there to take it at a glamorous gallop, might have been an awkward business. Mr. Coward, too, grave, middle-aged, and owl-like, gives Paul all his chances, while Mr. Athole Stewart, Mr. Louis Hayward, and Miss Irene Browne push forward with skill the rather ungrateful plot. And then there are the trimmings, and better trimmings there have seldom been to a musical piece. The songs, which have verbal point and lively rhythm, are sung, particularly by Miss Heather Thatcher and Mlle. Printemps herself, with a charming air. But one returns to the dresses, the scenery, the furniture, the whole décor. What a relief to see a musical piece genuinely designed! Much of the honour of the evening goes to Mrs. Calthrop and to the blessed furniture-makers of the Regency who are her graceful collaborators. The play is amusing, the playing is often brilliant, but the decoration is delightful from first to last.

• Travel with a clear conscience • Italy boosts dying sport • Success for 'green' charity

Eco-tourists take over

BY ANGELA MACKAY

TOUR operators are preparing for a year when eco-tourism takes centre stage and culminates in the World Congress on Adventure Travel and Eco-tourism in Tasmania, Australia.

The congress, to be held from November 7 at Wrest Point Hotel and Casino in Hobart, will concentrate on the protection and preservation of pristine areas and indigenous cultures, international co-operation, responsible marketing and the financial viability of eco-tourism.

Fresh policies to stop environmental damage caused by tourism are being formulated by the major tour operators. TUI, one of the biggest in Germany, which had 3.4 million clients last year, recently said that "in eight years there will be no more tours that are incompatible with the environment". *This challenges* hoteliers and resort operators to raise their standards or be boycotted.

In Britain, Thomson Holidays and Lunn Poly have also been discussing how to ensure suppliers meet even *minimal* environmental standards.

A recent paper by the International Centre for Eco-tourism Research at Griffith University in Queensland, Australia, concluded that eco-tourism is the fastest growing sub-sector of the international tourism industry. It has a growth rate three times that of tourism overall.

In Australia, this rate is even higher. So far, most tourism development has catered for those wanting a traditional holiday with sun, *surf and a bit of the Outback* thrown in. Little attention was paid to environmental impact — the high-rise sprawl on Queensland's Gold Coast is reminiscent of the Costa del Sol in Spain.

State governments and environmental bodies are trying to encourage a more sensitive approach to future development as more European tourists adopt Australia as their preferred destination.

The Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000 will sharpen this focus and, in recognition of this, Tasmania bid for and won the right to stage the 1994 World Congress on Adventure Travel and Eco-Tourism.

Recent American research found that this sector of the market represents potential *sales of between $2 billion* (£1.35 billion) and $10 billion.

Appropriately, more than 40 per cent of Tasmania is preserved as a World Heritage Area of national parks, state forest and marine reserves — a *far cry from the 1970s when* the island made international headlines for arresting the British naturalist, David Bellamy, for joining a protest to stop the damming of the Franklin river.

*Tasmania remains a bas*tion for "green" politics, boasting a very strong Green party which some locals say is now too obstructive over ecologically sensitive developments.

Eco-tourism experts divide their market into three categories: big "E", little "e" and soft adventure.

The industry argues that most travellers fall into "e", which indicates the tourist wants to know that his hotel, resort, airline or tour operator has acceptable environmental standards. Big "E" travellers *are concerned about the tour* operators' practices, but they like active holidays where they head off into the wilderness with a backpack and a compass for days at a time.

The soft adventure traveller *likes to know precious* wilderness areas exist and are being protected and not exploited — but they want to experience them in comfort.

PAUL McCASKILL



Italy is introducing heli-skiing for the common man

Skiing from dizzy heights

BY GRAHAM DUFFILL AND MINTY CLINCH

HELI-SKIING has been banned in so many parts of the *Alps, it is virtually a dying* sport. However, it is being heavily promoted in Italy.

Environmentalists have succeeded in banishing heli-skiing from Austria — barring the Vorarlberg province — *and France, on the basis that it disturbs wildlife.*

Italy and Switzerland have so far sidestepped the green lobby with heli-skiing remaining as an exclusive sport for the very wealthy.

Now the Italian resort of Courmayeur, in the shadow of Mont Blanc and a two-minute helicopter hop from the French border, has decided to promote the concept of heli-skiing for the masses.

This season, guides are working for half their fee to help promote heli-skiing that begins at £38 for a single drop including a guide. Three drops *on different slopes around the* resort cost about £60 a head.

Weather permitting, the heli-ski season will get under way there this week and continue until May. Although skiers can expect deep powder *snow that requires good paral*lel technique from mid-March, it gives way to spring snow that can be easily skied by intermediates. Bladon Lines (081-785 2200), which includes Courmayeur in its brochure, *will also arrange* heli-skiing.

Although the heli-skiing culture in Canada is based around taking as many lifts as possible in a day, the concession made in Italy to the green *lobby is to use the helicopter as* a means of encouraging the public to experience the tranquillity of the mountains away from crowds and pistes.

Rather than blasting up and down the slopes under a permanently clattering helicopter, people are encouraged to take one or two lifts a day and combine it with ski touring and learning mountaincraft.

In the Austrian resort of Lech in Vorarlberg, three skiers and a guide can take a single drop for £48 a head plus the cost of a guide at £81 a day. In Switzerland it is available in all the main resorts with *prices in Zermatt at about* £100 a head, including guide.

In Canada, heli-skiing is also more accessible than before with the almost universal use of the new wide ski which allows competent intermediates to cope with all types of snow as easily as they would with groomed piste.

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Bastion of "green politics": Tasmania's national parks form a World heritage Area

British charity wins green award

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

A LITTLE-KNOWN British charity this week won the prestige British Airways Tourism for Tomorrow Award against competition from 97 other international entries.

Coral Cay Conservation, based in Clapham, south London, has sent more than 500 volunteers to Belize over the past eight years to help to protect the world's second largest barrier reef and set up a marine reserve.

Dr Hugh Somerville, BA's head of environment, said: "This was an outstanding example of how enthusiasm and volunteer effort from a developed country can be *channelled to protect a prima*ry tourist attraction."

The awards are designed to promote ecological awareness in tourism.

Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chairman, said: "Let all of us in travel and tourism recognise that our business is essentially short-term letting of other people's environments. These products must be kept fresh and unsullied."

The Americas Region winner was a 5,500km trail through Canada, which may take 50 years to develop fully.

The Trail of the Great Bear project takes in Yellowstone, the world's first national park, and Banff, Canada's first national park.

Two British tour operators, Thomas Cook and All Canada Travel and Holidays, will *feature the Great Bear trail at* prices starting from £1,425 a person, including airfare, rental car and 13 nights' accommodation.

Make for the beach

THREE NIGHTS in the Manohra hotel, Bangkok, followed by nine nights at the Beach Garden hotel in Cha-am are available in March for £589, including return flights from Gatwick, through Hayes & Jarvis (081-748 5050).

☐ TWO nights at Claridge's hotel on May 6-7 with dinner and breakfast, and tickets for *Sunset Boulevard* and the British Antique Dealers' Association Fair, costs £870 per couple through the Savoy Group (071-872 8080).

☐ OPERA Interludes, the singing group, is at the Bath Spa Hotel (0225 444424) on March 4 and 5 to perform highlights of Bizet's *Carmen*. A one-night Opera Break, including cocktail reception, opera, dinner, accommodation, breakfast and a lunchtime recital costs £260 per person.

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Call for Government to aid historic attractions

BY JOHN YOUNG

CASH-STARVED custodians of Britain's heritage have received welcome backing from the travel industry. The British Incoming Tour Operators' Association (BITOA) is calling on the Government to reinvest the £388 million it expects to raise from the airport departure tax to support and enhance historic attractions.

Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, told a Commons select committee last week that 37 per cent of visitors came to see historic buildings and ancient monuments. By including those seeking their family roots or *with other connections*, the figure was about 60 per cent.

Although tourism contributes about £25,000 million a year to the economy, the annual grant to English Heritage is less than £100 million. Committee member John Maxton, Labour MP for Glasgow, Cathcart, said this sum bore no relation to the number of people attacted by our heritage.

Stuart Crouch, chairman of BITOA, said: "We owe it to the generations to follow to maintain these national treasures."

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A toast to 500 years of Scotch

Distillery tours will be in hot demand by visitors this year as Scotland celebrates a landmark anniversary

BY ROBIN YOUNG

IN 1994, Scotland celebrates 500 years of its best-known product — Scotch whisky. No one has quite managed to recover from the mists of time the precise date when Scotch was first distilled, but the first written record dates back to 1494 when the exciseman of the time, a clerk of the Scottish Exchequer, noted: "Delivery of eight bolls of malt to Friar John Cor wherewith to make *aquaevitae*".

Eight bolls is equivalent to more than one ton, so the good friar was evidently involved in a fairly industrial scale of production.

Today, Scotch whisky is of prime importance to the economy of the United Kingdom, contributing £1 billion a year to the British Government in taxes and earning almost £2 billion in export markets to nearly 200 countries around the world.

It also plays an increasing part in Scottish tourism, and the 500th anniversary year is bringing a flood of enquiries *from as far afield as Japan* and America.

Thirty years ago it would have taken a casual tourist a fair deal of haggling to see inside a distillery, but now distillery tours, corporate videos and even free drams for visitors are commonplace at distilleries which have thrown open their doors, and in some cases built lavish visitor centres, to help to promote their brands.

The idea of opening distilleries to the public was pioneered by Glenfiddich in the Highlands in 1969, when a redundant floor malting barn was converted into a reception room, provided with a welcoming peat fire, and filled with a display of Grant family relics.

Glenfiddich, with as many as 135,000 visitors a year, now has the highest visitor rate on the Speyside Malt Whisky Trail, promoted by the local tourist board, which also signposts the way to Tamnavulin, The. Glenlivet, Glenfarclas, Cardhu, Tamdhu, Glen Grant and Strathisla.

All Scotch whisky must be *distilled and matured for at* least three years in Scotland. There are two kinds of whisky distilled: malt, made from malted barley, which is used principally in blended whiskies but bottled also in small proportions as single malts; and grain whisky, distilled from unmalted grain, which is *married with selected malts to* make blends.

Every distillery has its own unique supply of water, its unique design of stills, and the peculiar influence of its own geographic location. Malt whiskies are usually classified in four main categories according to the location where *they are made: soft, mellow* and gentle malts from the Lowlands, well-rounded and robust from the Highlands, elegant and complex from Speyside and pungent and powerful from Islay in the Hebrides.

The Scotch Whisky Association has just completed its *annual directory of distilleries* which welcome visitors, and this year lists no fewer than 46. Each distillery has its own idiosyncracies, such as Stanley Morrison's at Bowmore on Islay, which uses its spare heat to warm the local swimming pool.

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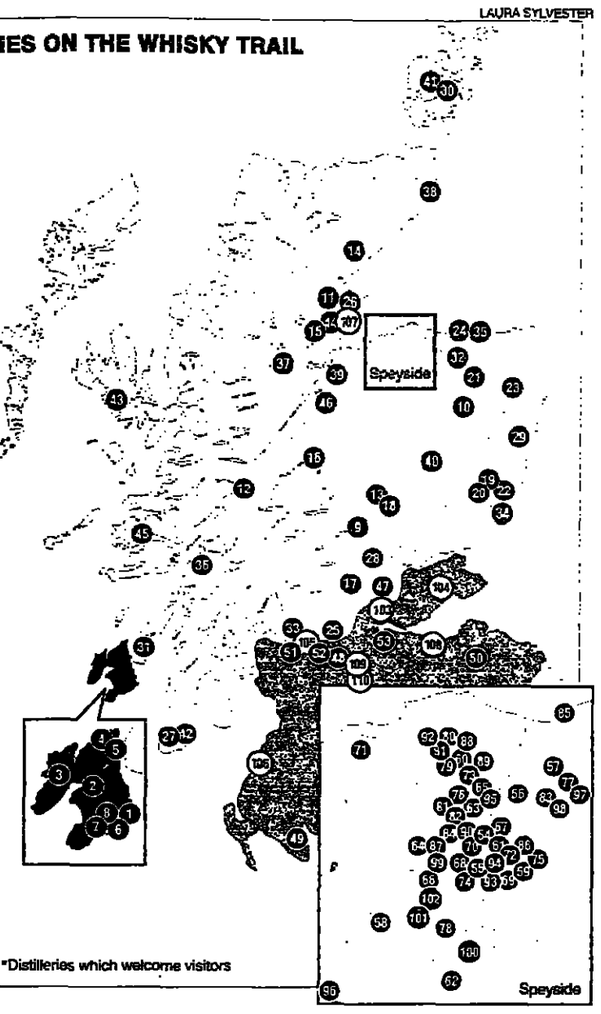
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Hotel prices set to rise

AN INCREASE in the number of rooms being filled in *Britain's hotels could lead to* a big rise in prices. According to a survey by Howarth Consulting, almost half of Britain's hoteliers expect to increase their room rates in the next six months and nearly 22 per cent in the next three. Discounts on room rates are also now coming to an end.

Evidence of the improvement in hotel fortunes — especially at the top end of the market — was also provided by Relais and Châteaux in Great Britain which revealed occupancy levels up by 7.5 per cent, restaurant diners up by 9 per cent and turnover by 11 per cent last year. More improvement is predicted for this year.

Swiss guidance

SWITZERLAND has at last been rewarded with a Michelin *Red Guide* of its own, instead of being part of the "flagship" guidebook to France. The 1994 Switzerland *Red Guide* lists 1,153 hotels and 801 restaurants; 63 restaurants are awarded stars for good cooking, with one — Girader in Lausanne — receiving the top accolade of three.

Irish fine blend

TOURISM and whiskey, *two of Ireland's biggest* foreign currency earners, have blended in the form of tours of the country's historic distilleries. Last year, *more than 100,000* people visited the Bushmills distillery in County Antrim; the Irish Whiskey Corner, a *museum based in the former* Jameson distillery in Dublin; and the Jameson Heritage Centre, which occupies the old Midleton distillery in County Cork. The entrance fees, £2 to £3.50, include a tasting.

Case to learn

THE Ecole du Vin at Château Loudenne in the Médoc near Bordeaux (010 33 56 09 05 03), hitherto renowned for residential wine courses, has introduced a short course, just three hours in length, for the benefit of wine lovers who are holidaying in the region.

The introductory courses, starting in April on selected Monday mornings in French and on Wednesday mornings in English, will cost FFr200 per person.

Hard cell

THE former secret police detention centre in Prague has been turned into one of Europe's most popular youth hostels. Rates at the Unitas hostel in Bartolomejska Street are about £25 a night for a double £17.50 a single.

Jersey goes jazz

THE Jersey Jazz Festival *(0534 73767) runs from April* 16 to 23, with Jacques Loussier appearing at the Opera House and George Melly playing at the Jazz Band Ball at the Hotel de France. Spike Robinson will be playing his tenor sax at three different hotels.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

TV puts town on map

BY CONAL GREGORY

STAMFORD is preparing for national recognition as a holiday destination and conference centre, following the success of *Middlemarch*, the BBC dramatisation (which *ended last nigh:*) filmed in the Lincolnshire town.

The number of visitors to Stamford is already increasing and there is a regular weekend influx of television viewers from London and the South East, drawn by the picturesque town shown in the George Eliot period drama.

A map enabling visitors to identify the locations used in filming has been produced, including Browne's Hospital in Broad Street, which appears as the Old Infirmary, and St George's Square, a setting for hustings scenes.

Stamford's traders have, however, been generally slow to realise the potential market created by *Middlemarch*, despite the impact that other television programmes have had on local economies. Visitors already spend almost £25 million a year in the district and many local traders believe the figure could be *higher if the council increased* its £250,000 tourism budget. Traders claim not enough is done to promote Stamford.

Benedict Nightingale bids farewell to *Middlemarch*. page 35

Hotels woo the children

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

MANY British hotels, busier than usual this week as parents take their children on holiday during half term, are increasingly adopting a more positive attitude towards welcoming young guests.

For years hoteliers, especially those operating upmarket country house and city centre hotels, have traditionally been loath to accept children, but *now there are signs of change.* Gerald Milsom, president of the Pride of Britain hotel consortium and owner of the Maison Talbooth hotel in Essex, says: *"The struggle to get* business during the recession has made many hotels rethink their approach to accommodating children."

Such a change *is* long overdue, says Patricia Yates, editor of *The Which? Hotel Guide*. "One hotelier told me that he would rather have a dog staying in his hotel than a child," she recalls. "Staying in a nice hotel with children is no problem on the Continent or in America, so why should they be treated with such horror in Britain?"

The latest edition of *The Which? Hotel Guide* reveals that slightly more than half of the 800 or so entries still have some restrictions on children staying and eating in them. In London, the proportion falls to around one in four.

The most common restriction is banning children from the dining room in the evening, followed by a blanket *refusal to accept children at all* under the age of between eight and 12.



Star treatment for two young diners at the Lygon Arms

But other hotels are increasingly willing to woo parents with children. The Lygon Arms in Broadway, Worcestershire, has just launched a special package for children staying with their parents. This includes a bag of bath goodies from the Body Shop — including soaps in the shape of an endangered species of animal — and a mini-bathrobe similar to that provided for adults, with the Lygon Arms motif on it. Children, however, do face some restrictions: they are not allowed in the hotel's indoor pool after 5pm.

Kirk Ritchie, managing director of the hotel, which is part of the Savoy Group, says that the policy is to welcome children because "happy children usually mean happy parents". He says the 67-room hotel has never had any problem with badly behaved children, only badly behaved adults. "We also accept dogs and other pets and have never had a problem with them either," he adds.

Woolley Grange in Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, has achieved a well-earned reputation for its child-friendly approach since it opened in 1989. Owner Nigel Chapman has identified a niche for a hotel which offers adults smart accommodation and good food — but also has extensive facilities for children. These include sand pits, play areas, a fully-supervised "Woolley bears' den" for young children and a games room with snooker, table tennis and table football.

"Although we are becoming well known for welcoming children, it doesn't mean we are swamped with them," Mr Chapman says. "We get business travellers who are in the area — Bath is just eight miles away — and we've never had any complaints from them."

Mr Chapman now plans to expand the Woolley Grange concept by opening two *further hotels with a similar* approach this year, backed by Business Expansion Scheme funds. No final decision on location has yet been taken but *Mr Chapman is looking for a* seaside-based hotel.

Perhaps the most novel approach is to be found in London's Fulham Road, where Pippa Pop-ins is a hotel totally dedicated to children. The establishment, which was awarded the accolade "London Hotel of the Year" by *The Which? Hotel Guide*, is a nursery school by day but provides hotel-style accommodation for around a dozen children between the ages of two and 12 each night, for a maximum of three nights.

The hotel is popular with parents on a visit to London who want their children looked after in sympathetic surroundings. It costs between £25 and £30 a night, depending on the time of week. Not surprisingly, all the places were filled on St Valentine's night earlier this week.

Safety probe on runway accidents

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

A DETAILED safety investigation has been ordered into a series of accidents to aircraft on the ground at Britain's main airports.

In the latest incident, 37 passengers were evacuated from a French-built ATR 42 commuter aircraft when its rotating propeller smashed into a mobile ground power unit at Gatwick.

The aircraft had just landed *from Dublin and was ap*proaching the stand when its starboard propeller hit the unit, scattering shards of metal and composite material *around the aircraft and the* concrete apron.

Although no one was hurt in the incident, the Department of Transport's air accident investigation branch was immediately called in.

Investigators from the Farnborough-based unit have become increasingly worried that pressure on airlines to meet tight take-off and landing slot times is contributing to a sharp increase in the number of ground-based accidents. In 1991, there were only 19 such incidents involving *British-registered aircraft at* domestic airports reported to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). This jumped to 50 in 1993, and so far this year there *have been four.*

Although there is no indication that last week's incident, involving an aircraft belonging to CityFlyer Express, was caused by the pressure on slot times, investigators are determined to discover exactly what went wrong.

A new organisation — the Apron Safety Working Group — has now been set up by the CAA to probe such incidents and held its first meeting, ironically at Gatwick, last month. It is to meet again today when details of the latest *accident are certain to be high* on the agenda.

"We will be seeing if anything can be done to improve safety on the ground in any way," *said a spokesman for* the CAA.

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Cabbies to be bullet-proofed

BY TONY ROCCA

MOST of New York's yellow taxis are to be fitted with a bullet-proof screen to protect drivers from attack.

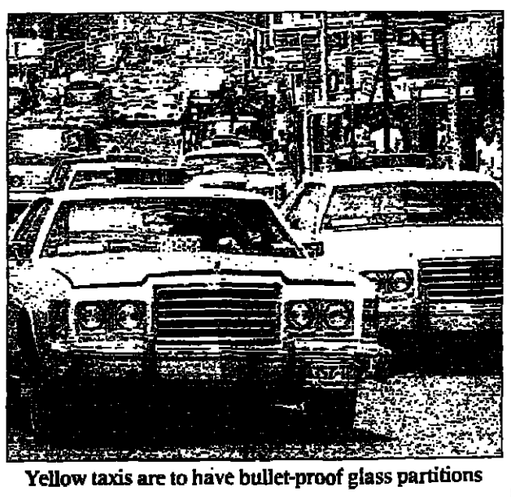
With 42 cabbies killed in violent incidents in New York last year, the city's controlling Taxi and Limousine Commission has decreed that the protective window will be obligatory from July 1 for the vast majority of the 11,787 vehicles it licenses. *They must* also be equipped with a warning light which the driver can activate secretly via a footswitch next to the brake pedal.

The ruling is mandatory only for fleet-owned taxis. Owner-driven cabs, which constitute *about a quarter of* the total, may use instead a cellular phone with an automatic dialling system linked directly to the police.

"We can't stand around with our arms folded waiting for all the cab drivers to be killed," says commission president Fidel Del Valle. In 1993 taxi drivers, who carry an average of £115 in takings, were the target of more than *100 attacks and armed hold*ups, 42 of which ended in a fatality.

The separating window was a common feature of New York's taxis in the 1970s when it was an option, bullet-proof or not. But it proved unpopular and was gradually aban*doned* because passengers complained of claustrophobia and the driver was prevented from indulging in his favourite pastime — chatter.

Though the overall number of taxi drivers — known as "hacks" after hackney carriages — has hardly changed since the end of the war, immigrants now make up the majority of those renting vehicles from licensed companies. Taxi-driving is traditionally the first job an immigrant takes, especially as street knowledge is not very demanding — certainly nowhere near as tough as "the know-



Yellow taxis are to have bullet-proof glass partitions

ledge" required of black cab drivers in London. As a result, cabbies from at least 80 na*tionalities now hold licences.*

In 1984 more than half the drivers were either American-born or immigrants from the Caribbean, and the predominant languages were English and Spanish. Now, with so many from the Indian subcontinent, it is Urdu — and the chance of being driven by an English-speaking native American has shrunk from one in four to one in ten.



Sample of Atol's new logo

CAA looks to help travellers

THE Civil Aviation Authority has launched a campaign to raise public awareness of Atol — the air travel organiser's licence, which aims to protect holidaymakers in the event of a travel company collapse, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

Last year, more than 128,000 people received refunds on the cost of their *holidays and 30,000 were* repatriated under the scheme.

The licence scheme has operated for more than 20 years. The Atol scheme, which adds an average of 12p in administration to the cost of every holiday, is the only guarantee for many holidaymakers that *they will not be stranded* abroad when using air travel. Now the CAA is putting pressure on the Government to extend the scheme and to close a few remaining loopholes. More than 900 companies are licensed by the CAA under the Atol scheme; last year 24 collapsed. "Consumer protection works better if the customer knows what to look for," said Christopher Chataway, CAA chairman.

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NEWS

Britain asked to send more troops

■ Britain is under intense pressure to send a battalion of at least 700 men to Bosnia after the UN issued an urgent shopping list for up to 3,000 extra troops to monitor the Sarajevo ceasefire and control Serb heavy guns.

The Cabinet will discuss the request this morning, but ministers are unlikely to make a decision until they know what other countries are planning to contribute ..... **Pages 1 and 11**

Protesters battle with police

■ Riot police skirmished with hundreds of protesters in east London as bulldozers demolished five Edwardian houses in the path of the M11 extension. A hail of eggs descended on the officers and sheriffs with High Court writs, County Court bailiffs and officials wielding sledgehammers and crowbars as they moved in to evict 300 squatters..... **Pages 1 and 3**

Charged boy's break

A boy aged 15 charged with attempted robbery, assault and affray, is on a sailing holiday after social services failed to find accommodation..... **Page 3**

Rescue donation

The woman rescued after two nights in the Cairngorms is to make a substantial contribution to mountain rescue services after selling her story..... **Page 6**

Euthanasia fears

The campaign to legalise euthanasia has been set back by a report from peers that rejects the practice because of fears for the old and disabled..... **Page 3**

Pedal power

Staff at the Department of National Heritage are being offered interest-free loans to buy bicycles to improve fitness ..... **Page 6**

Bank accused

A coroner has accused Barclays Bank of harrying a customer who committed suicide over a £72 payment..... **Page 3**

Baltic pledge

Douglas Hurd told the foreign ministers of all three Baltic states that the way back to Europe was open to them and that the West considered their independence to be irreversible..... **Page 10**

Mandela concession

Nelson Mandela has announced sweeping concessions to the black and white conservative groups presently boycotting South Africa's election ..... **Page 12**

Backing for Patten

Australia has backed plans by Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, for greater democracy in the colony, in a move that will antagonise China .... **Page 13**

Balladur joins fray

Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister, has leapt into the race to succeed President Mitterrand..... **Page 13**

German anger

One of the pillars of the Bonn government is under fire for its far-right rhetoric ..... **Page 10**

Wary steps on royal road to Russia

■ The Queen is to become the first British monarch to visit Russia since the 1917 revolution in a gesture of Western support for President Yeltsin's faltering reform programme. Not only will the visit be laden with political symbolism; it will also present particular security, protocol and logistic problems..... **Pages 1 and 5**



WOLFGANG RATTAY

Switzerland's Heidi Zurbriggen, under big cat protection, launching herself on the opening day of the woman's downhill training at the Winter Olympics in Kvitfjell yesterday. Her time was 1 min 43.05 sec. Leading time was German Katja Seizinger's (1:38.29). **Page 42**

BUSINESS

Economy: Inflation climbed sharply to 2.5 per cent in January from 1.9 per cent in December but underlying inflation rose fractionally to 2.8 per cent last month from 2.7 per cent in December..... **Page 23**

Jobs: The fall in unemployment halted when the jobless total increased by 15,500 to 2,787,600. The figures took the City by surprise but David Hunt, the Employment Secretary, said erratic monthly figures were not unusual..... **Page 23**

Steel appeal: British Steel looks certain to appeal against the £28.8 million fine imposed for breaching European rules on free competition..... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 24.5 points to close at 3417.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 80.4 to 80.6 after a rise from $1.4752 to $1.4785 and from DM2.5462 to DM2.5478 ..... **Page 26**

Winter Olympics: Britain's slalom specialists, Emma Carrick-Anderson and Claire de Pourtales, have withdrawn from Sunday's combined downhill event after team officials decided the course was too hazardous to ski..... **Page 42**

Football: Kidderminster Harriers take on West Ham at home in the fifth round of the FA Cup on Saturday firmly believing that a quarter-final place would not be a step too far. Andrew Longmore reports..... **Page 40**

Rugby union: Will Carling, the England captain, has shunned the idea of staggered international weekends — with one match being played on a Saturday, the other on a Sunday ..... **Page 39**

Golf: Like an old-time evangelist, the PGA European Tour does not mind where it has to go to spread the word ..... **Page 38**

Wasted life: "The gas is off. Robertson's dead." Jack Straw on a schoolmate who committed suicide and how this will affect his vote on the minimum age of consent for homosexuals..... **Page 14**

Helping mind: "The strength of psychiatry in the treatment of mental disorder is not, of course, intelligence, but the values of training, experience and supervision." Dr Simon Wessely on whether therapy works ..... **Page 15**

Eco-tourism: Tour operators are preparing for a year when eco-tourism will be taking centre stage..... **Page 20**

Toast to whisky: This year Scotland marks 500 years of whisky production. Why not celebrate with a distillery visit?..... **Page 21**

Spielberg's Best: *Schindler's List* has turned out to be Steven Spielberg's masterpiece. The film's epic sweep and grasp of detail are exemplary, while some scenes could make even a lump of granite weep..... **Page 33**

Daring to be different: Scottish Opera brings David Leveaux's unconventional staging of Britten's *The Turn of the Screw*, to the Tramway in Glasgow ..... **Page 34**

Portuguese pride: Lisbon, cultural capital of Europe, is pushing for a higher profile ..... **Page 35**

Reviews: Derwent May on a biography of the Michael Ayrton, painter and sculptor; Norman Stone on a global history of the Second World War ..... **Pages 36 and 37**

LISTINGS

Hitler's policies anticipated in the US: *Secret History: the Lynchburg Story* (Channel 4, 9pm) ..... **Page 43**

OPINION

Mischievous peers

Michael Howard will have to work hard to win over the more sceptical peers to his Police Bill ..... **Page 17**

To Moscow

President Yeltsin should be able to make good use of the state visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh..... **Page 17**

Alas, poor Aristide

It is hard not to feel sorry for Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the charismatic priest-president robbed of his right to govern Haiti..... **Page 17**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

There is something terrible about all the great cultural heroes of this century..... **Page 16**

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY

Which cherished, much-maligned national institution is planning to shut down two-thirds of its outlets in the City of London? ..... **Page 16**

Albert McIntosh, General Manager of Mars; The Hon Lady Grimond; Walter Henry Judd, US Congressman; Dorothy Marshall, social historian; Robert Bayne-Powell, Senior Registrar of the Family Division, High Court of Justice ..... **Page 19**

The rescue of a woman climber in the Cairngorms..... **Page 17**

Somehow, Britain has worked itself into a sour and masochistic mood

— The Wall Street Journal

What Japan is lacking is not the tools to provide access [to its markets], but the will

— The New York Times

The Times Knockando 1994 Crossword Championship Eliminator Puzzle

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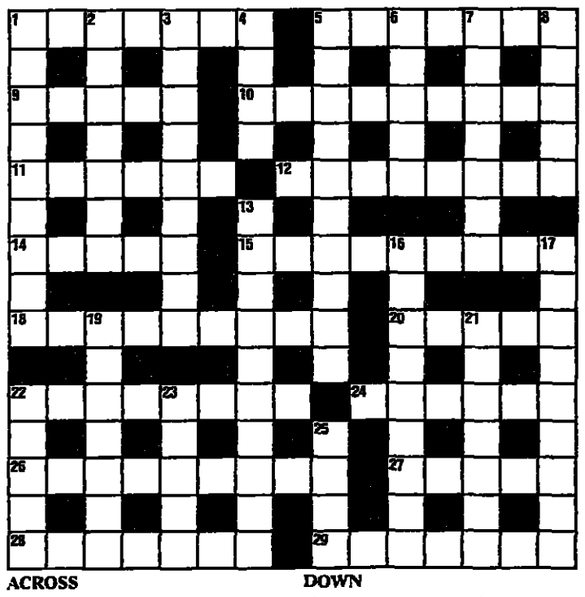
As there are more qualifiers for the Bristol and London A and B finals than can be accommodated, those who have been notified of their qualification are required to attempt this eliminator puzzle. Qualifiers are strongly urged to submit their attempts even if they cannot complete the puzzle, since entries with several omissions or mistakes are likely to be admitted.

The solution will appear next Thursday and entrants will be individually informed of the result of the elimination within three weeks.

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ACROSS

1 The Censor is about to inspect a decorative strip (7).
5 Keeps a chap's horse in grass (7).
9 A stock phrase in circulars for part of S. Island (5).
10 Work with the media, and get nothing right for a slave-driver (9).
11 Divine writer, but no green pasture for him now (6)
12 Grave senator found here, perhaps (8).
14 Drop a play (5).
15 In public, an English king has to do too much (9).
18 Inspired description of the Prince's soul (9).
20 Muslim doctors in retreat from camel uproar (5).
22 Conjuring trick seen through transparent material (8).
24 A rider to treat with great respect (6)
26 Gianetta and Tessa are such peasants! (9).
27 It's so long to say in Spanish (5).
28 Don't come home to spout nonsense (4,3).
29 Enchanting letter-writer (7).

DOWN

1 Appeared to produce letters containing page after page (7,2).
2 Travelling expenses for one accepted by inspired amateur (7).
3 PM overheard in the refreshment hut (9).
4 Something in the wind for him (4).
5 Judges where this part work ends (10).
6 Dramatic solo that is a send-up of an old Scots one (5).
7 It is fashionable to stay near the coast (7).
8 Mount in Ebor Handicap's first spill (5).
13 Oxford postmaster has some food first (10).
16 Detail can count in support of an article's conclusion (9).
17 One who crosses the coach is moved sideways here (9).
19 Lady from Virginia who married Marmaduke Bonthrop Shelmerdine (7).
21 Book on English canal making a profit, we hear (7).
22 Emperors perpetuated in copper and silver heads (5).
23 The hat makes mum a sensation (5).
25 Blind man's benches (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,467

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start dull and damp with mist and fog patches. There may also be some sleet in southeastern areas. During the day, northern England and parts of North Wales should brighten up, but elsewhere it will remain generally cloudy. After a frosty start, most of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be bright with some sunshine. Most places will be dry but there could be a few wintry showers along the east coast of Scotland. It will feel cold in eastern areas.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles:** Misty with sleet and drizzle at first then mostly cloudy. Wind east to southeast, light. Quite cold. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **E England, W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, Central N:** Mist and fog patches at first. Staying mainly dull and damp. Wind southeast, light. Cold. Max 4-6C (39-43F).

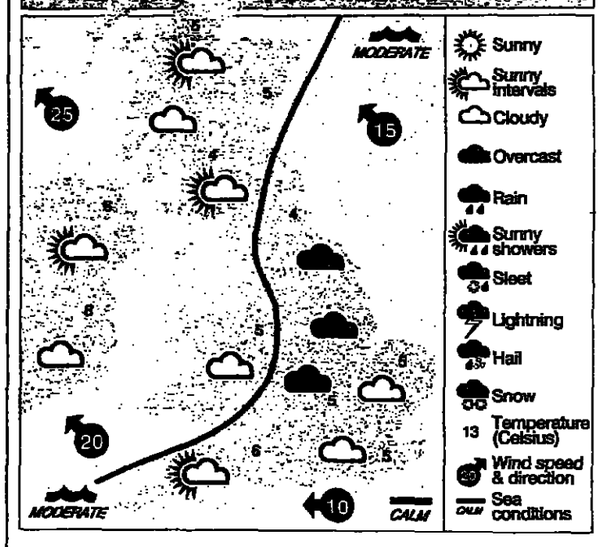
☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** Dull and damp at first but becoming a little brighter later. Wind southeast, light to moderate. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, NE Scotland:** Frosty start. Mainly dry and bright but some isolated wintry showers near the coast. Wind east to southeast, light to moderate. Cold. Max 4C (39F).

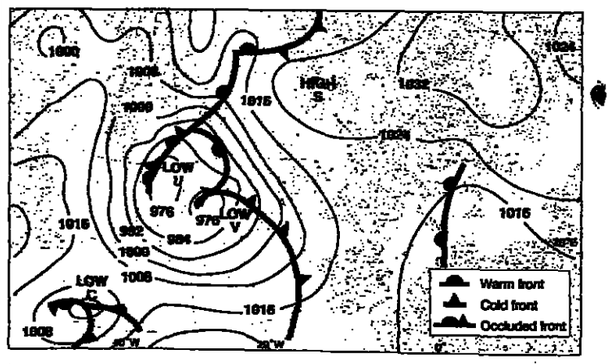
☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** Frosty start, then dry and bright with some sunshine. Wind southeast moderate becoming fresh. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Outlook:** It will stay mostly dry in the east but some rain, preceded by sleet and snow, will affect western areas on both Friday and Saturday.

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: lows U and V will remain stationary and fill slowly. Low C will move westwards. High S will hold position and decline



MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.5	0.06	3	37	sn	Liverpool	0.5	-	1	34	sn
Anglesey	1.7	-	3	37	sn	London	-	X	5	41	du
Aspatria	-	-	1	34	sn	Lowestoft	-	0.02	4	39	sn
Aviemore	3.1	0.02	2	36	sn	Manchester	0.3	-	1	34	sn
Belfast	-	0.02	1	34	sn	Margate	X	-	5	41	du
Birmingham	2.4	0.10	2	36	sn	Minehead	X	0.54	4	39	sn
Bognor R	-	0.23	5	41	r	Morecambe	-	-	1	34	sn
Bournem'th	2.7	0.32	5	41	b	Newcastle	0.4	0.03	1	34	sn
Bristol	5.0	0.02	5	41	sn	Newquay	X				
Buxton	-	0.07	-1	30	sn	Norwich	-	0.01	3	37	sn
Cardiff	4.3	0.44	3	37	sn	Nottingham	2.4	0.03	2	36	sn
Clacton	-	0.25	2	36	c	Penzance	5.5	0.16	7	45	s
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	5.6	0.13	6	43	sn
Colwyn Bay	2.5	-	2	36	sn	Poole	2.1	0.30	5	41	b
Cromer	-	-	2	36	du	Ross-o-wye	2.2	0.17	4	39	s
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	-	0.13	7	45	du	Salcombe	X				
Edinburgh	-	0.01	2	36	sn	Sandown	0.1	0.14	6	43	r
Eskdalemuir	-	0.03	0	32	sn	Saunin Snd	6.4	-	5	41	s
Exmouth	6.7	0.06	5	41	s	Scarboro'	X				
Falmouth	X					Scilly Isles	2.3	0.11	5	41	s
Folkestone	-	-	5	41	c	Shanklin	0.5	0.18	5	41	r
Glasgow	-	0.06	2	36	sn	Skegness	X				
Guernsey	0.1	0.11	6	43	r	Southend	-	-	4	39	du
Hastings	-	0.04	7	45	du	Southport	1.0	-	1	34	sn
Hayling I.	X					Southsea	0.5	0.29	5	41	r
Heme Bay	-	0.04	4	39	du	Stornoway	3.9	-	4	39	s
Hove	-	0.18	7	45	c	Swanage	1.3	0.31	6	43	c
Hunstanton	0.1	0.04	3	37	sn	Teignmouth	7.3	0.31	5	41	s
Isle of Man	-	0.04	2	36	sn	Tenby	2.1	-	5	41	b
Jersey	-	0.23	5	41	sn	Torquay	7.1	0.06	6	43	s
Kinloss	2.1	-	3	37	sn	Tynemouth	-	0.03	2	36	sn
Leeds	-	0.03	1	34	sn	Ventnor	0.3	0.14	6	43	d
Lerwick	4.5	-	4	39	s	West-s-mare	4.0	0.06	4	39	s
Leuchars	-	0.07	3	37	sn	Weymouth	3.4	0.61	5	41	s
Littlehmpton	-	0.20	6	43	r	These are Tuesday's figures					

Ajaccio	11	52	s	Corfu	8	46	f	Malta	18	64	f
Akrotiri	13	55	s	Dubrovnik	7	45	r	Melb'rne	19	66	r
Alex'dria	15	59	c	Faro	15	59	f	Mexico C	20	68	f
Algiers	20	68	f	Florence	3	37	c	Miami	24	75	c
Amst'dm	3	37	f	Frankfurt	-1	30	s	Milan	1	34	f
Athens	7	45	c	Funchal	16	61	f	Montreal	-10	14	f
Bahrain	20	68	s	Geneva	1	34	c	Moscow	-5	23	sn
Bangkok	33	91	f	Gibraltar	14	57	c	Munich	-5	23	s
Barcelona	12	54	c	Helsinki	-4	25	s	Nicosia	8	46	f
Beirut	14	57	s	Hong K	19	61	c	N Delhi	21	70	f
Belgrade	-3	27	s	Innsbrck	-1	30	s	N York	-2	28	f
Berlin	0	32	s	Istanbul	1	34	f	Nice	9	48	s
Bermuda	17	63	f	Jeddah	27	81	s	Oslo	-12	10	c
Biarritz	9	48	s	Jo'burg	25	77	f	Paris	2	36	fg
Borde'x	10	50	f	L Palmas	20	68	s	Peking	5	46	s
Brussels	6	43	s	La Tquet	3	37	f	Perth	30	86	s
Budapst	-2	28	s	Lisbon	8	46	fg	Prague	-1	30	s
B Aires	22	82	f	Locarno	-1	30	sn	Reykjavik	3	37	f
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Cape Tn	25	77	s	Luxembg	3	37	s	Rio de J	32	90	f
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Sixteen European steel companies are feeling the heat from the European Commission over the running of a price-fixing cartel in the 1980s

Steel to appeal over £24m fine

By Philip Bassett and James Landale

BRITISH Steel is to press for an early appeal against a £24.3 million fine levied against it yesterday by the European Commission for illegal price fixing.

The fine, which provoked a row in the Commons, came as part of a larger fine of £79.2 million, covering 15 other European steel companies, for running a price-fixing cartel in the 1980s against the terms of European competition law.

MPs and union leaders said that the fine would lead to new steel job cuts, but British Steel said last night it had still not received formal notification of the fine. BS insisted that its actions were sanctioned by the commission.

The EC said the companies were involved in a clear-cut and systematic cartel over a number of years, and had been found guilty of price fixing, market sharing and information exchanging in the manufacture of steel beams, which are used in the construction industry.

Karel van Miert, the EC competition commissioner, said: "Since this is a case where everything which could be infringed has been infringed, we needed to be tough." BS said it was not fully in the beams market until the late 1980s, but the commission said that while it had discounted infringements that occurred during the European steel industry crisis in the early 1980s, it could not ignore the breach of the laws in the late 1980s.

The companies fined were: Unimetal £9.3 million; Arbed £8.5 million; Siderurgica Aristrain Madrid, £8 million; Ferdofin £7.2 million; Preussag £7.2 million; Thyssen Stahl £4.9 million; Saarstahl £3.5 million; Empressa Nacional Siderurgica £3 million; Cockerill Sambre £3 million; Stahlwerke £113,700; Krupp Hoesch £9,854; Norsk Jernwerk £568; Inexa Profil £455; Svenskt Stal £30; and Fundia Steel £3.

British Steel is suspicious that the fines are connected with calls to cut capacity.

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City wants rate cut on weak recovery

By Anatole Kaletsky
Economics Editor

■ The City reasons that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will want to spur demand by cutting interest rates in April when the big tax increases take effect on pay packets

HOPES of another cut in interest rates spread through the City yesterday after the Government released statistics on retail sales, unemployment and prices that showed the recovery flagging while inflation remained well under control.

There were also reports last night that the Bundesbank might lower German interest rates at its regular council meeting this morning, but this speculation emerged too late to contribute to the financial markets' bullish mood.

City analysts reasoned that the Chancellor would want to give another spur to demand and output by cutting interest rates when his tax rises will start to be levied through pay packets and domestic fuel bills in April. This hope has sent the FT-SE 100 index up almost 60 points in the past two days. It has also inspired a rally in gilt-edged securities and sterling, which suffered severe setbacks last week because of the City's loss of confidence in the Bank of England.

Yesterday's retail prices data suggested inflation would present no obstacle to a further easing of monetary policy. Although annual inflation crept up to 2.5 per cent in January from 1.9 per cent in December, this increase was almost entirely due to last year's big cuts in mortgage rates dropping out of the annual comparisons.

The RPI actually fell by 0.4 per cent in January, partly because of unprecedented discounts on clothing and household goods in the post-Christmas sales.

But the annual inflation rate moved upwards because the fall in prices last January was even bigger, at 0.9 per cent. Reductions in mortgage interest rates after sterling's withdrawal from the European exchange-rate mechanism were responsible for about half of last January's price decline. This year, mortgage interest payments contributed virtually nothing to the month's 0.4 per cent price decline.

The underlying inflation rate, excluding mortgage interest payments, was 2.8 per cent in the year to January, almost unchanged on December's 2.7 per cent. Last month's result was seen in the City as better than expected, since it included the hefty increases in duties on tobacco, alcohol and petrol announced in November's Budget, which boosted prices in January by about 0.4 points. Excluding these Budget effects, underlying inflation in January would probably have fallen to a new low.

The Treasury also described the inflation news as better than expected and many City analysts suggested the Bank would have done much better to wait until yesterday's figures before announcing its last, controversial, 0.25 percentage-point interest rate cut.

However, officials stressed that yesterday's statistics had not been available to the Bank when the Governor made his criticised decision on the timing of the rate cut.

Retail sales figures for January were broadly in line with expectations, showing an increase of 0.6 per cent in sales volumes after December's disappointing drop of 0.1 per cent. January retail sales were 3.5 per cent higher than a year ago. Government statisticians warned against reading anything into the monthly fluctuations, stressing that year-on-year comparisons showed steady advances for most categories of retailers.

Total sales in the three months from November to January were 3.8 per cent higher than a year earlier.

In addition, the monthly public sector borrowing requirement showed a net debt repayment of £1.6 billion in January — the smallest repayment on record, since January is a month of very heavy tax collections.

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Clarke brushes aside surprise jobless rise

By Our Industrial Editor

THE Government insisted that economic recovery was still on course after a surprise jump in unemployment. Ministers said the 15,500 rise in the seasonally adjusted number of people out of work and claiming benefit — after four months of declining figures — was exceptional. They said unemployment would maintain its downward course.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, insisted that recovery was progressing, despite the rise. David Hunt, the Employment Secretary, said: "The downward trend [in unemployment] is still there, and I expect at the end of 1994 to see fewer people unemployed." January's increase in the number without jobs, to 2,787,600, startled the City, which had predicted a further fall.

Whitehall officials suggested that the increase over Christmas and the New Year, like last year's mid-summer rises, was connected with low recruitment over the holiday. Government statisticians still insist that the trend is downward, at a rate of about 20,000 each month.

The rise, which affected both men and women and every region apart from the West Midlands and Northern Ireland, is the largest since January last year, and reduces the net fall in unemployment since then to 204,700, or 7 per cent.

Unadjusted unemployment — the actual number out of work — rose by 106,572, to 2,889,268. The seasonally adjusted proportion of the workforce unemployed is 9.9 per cent.

Mr Hunt said activity in the labour market was continuing at a "generally high level"; the Government's employment service was placing increasing numbers of people in jobs. However, vacancies at Job-Centres — estimated to be about a third of those available — fell by 3,600 in January, to 141,800.

The underlying increase in average earnings for the whole economy was unchanged in December, at 3 per cent, but service sector earnings rose for the first time since February 1992. Strikes hit a record low in December. Working days lost dropped to just 1,000.

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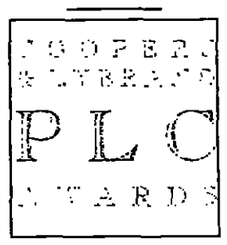


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Israel Fund seeks cash as Tel-Aviv slumps

By Neil Bennett

THE Tel-Aviv stock market has been shaken by a series of financial scandals on the eve of the launch in London of the Israel Fund, an investment trust designed to invest solely in Israeli shares.

The Tel-Aviv stock market, Israel's main financial centre, slumped by more than 4 per cent last weekend after investigators from the Israeli Securities Authority arrested four men on suspicion of stock manipulation and fraud. The four men have been released on bail. Stocks involved in the investigation have fallen more than 40 per cent since the arrests, which coincided with the completion of Israel's largest ever fraud trial.

Yesterday a court in Jerusalem convicted several of the country's leading banks and eight of their executives of stock manipulation after an investigation that has lasted years. The stock manipulation dates from 1983 and caused the Tel-Aviv market to crash by more than 70 per cent. The defendants could face up to five years in prison for charges which included aggravated fraud and publishing false financial statements. The events have failed to dampen enthusiasm for the Israel Fund in London, which is launched officially today. Société Générale Strauss Turnbull is thought to have been so heavily swamped by demand from investment institutions that they have been forced to increase the size of the trust by half to more than $150 million.

David Cohen, one of the fund's organisers, said he was not concerned about recent events. "I am delighted that this is blowing some of the froth off the market. We are only going to buy blue chip stocks in the fund and these incidents concern tiny speculative situations. If the market comes off for a while it will give us a chance to invest sensibly," he said.

The Tel-Aviv stock market is attracting growing interest from international investors thanks to the current peace initiative. It has 558 companies and is set to grow rapidly when a proposed $1 billion government privatisation programme gets underway. The Israel fund is the first of a series which are being prepared by financial institutions in the City to tap the demand for Israeli investments.

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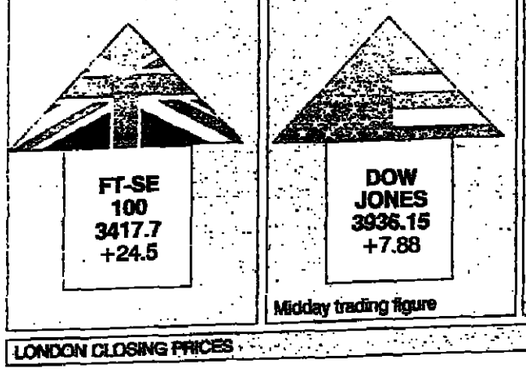
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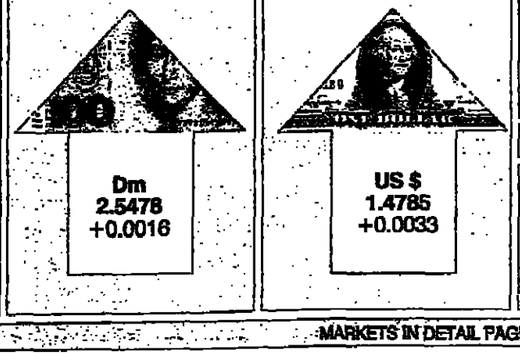
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North Ridge Meadows apartment building, which collapsed killing several people, is typical of those in Los Angeles without earthquake cover

£400m in quake claims at Farmers

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

BAT Industries, the financial services and tobacco group, yesterday said Farmers, its US subsidiary and the third largest US home insurer, will have to pay £400 million in claims as a result of the Los Angeles earthquake on January 17.

Farmers has received more than 27,000 claims but expects only to pay half of them. This is because half the claims are from policyholders who do not have earthquake cover. "Less than one-third of our Los Angeles-area customers buy earthquake cover," Farmers said. Insurance is seen as expensive because of the high excess paid by the policyholder before the cover activates.

One example is the North Ridge Meadows apartment building, which collapsed killing several people. "We were the insurers but they did not buy any earthquake cover," said the spokesman.

Farmers' estimate, likely to fall if its own reinsurance cover activates, follows loss estimates from the other two big US insurers. State Farm expects valid claims of at least $600 million and All State of at least $350 million.

But the claims against Farmers will not impact on BAT's profits. This is because Farmers manages the insurance exchanges that provided the cover and the claims will cut the exchanges' reserves.

The gross claims of £400 million are split equally between personal lines claims for homes and cars and commercial lines claims, including damage to businesses, condominiums and apartments The high incidence of policyholders claiming when they have no earthquake cover is because they then demand aid from the government, waiving their "no cover" responses.

To make cover cheaper, Farmers is calling on the government to spread the cost for natural disasters across all insured US homeowners. This would be achieved by Congress passing the proposed Natural Disaster Protection Act, which has support from insurers, lenders and state emergency managers.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Resort talks continue on financial outlook

RESORT Hotels, which called in accountants to investigate financing and reporting issues last July, said yesterday it was continuing to hold discussions with its banks, shareholders and other parties with regard to its financial position.

Derek Burningham, the company secretary, said it was issuing a holding statement "because we are aware of the concern of various parties" while Resort Hotels put together delayed reports and accounts for shareholders. Mr Burningham said these should be sent out early next month, with an extraordinary general meeting scheduled to be held in the latter part of the month. The Department of Trade and Industry has told the troubled hotels group it must file accounts for the financial year to last April by the end of March.

Housing market boost

THE housing market recovery is gaining momentum with estate agents reporting increased sale instructions and prices either stable or rising across the country. Over 97 per cent of surveyors consulted in the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors quarterly survey for the three months to January 31 indicated that prices were ahead or unchanged from three months ago. Activity rose in January with an increase in enquiries and sales after Christmas. Peter Miller, RICS spokesman, said that last week's base rate cut would help to build buyer confidence in the housing market.

Media trust to float

HERALD Investment Trust, a media vehicle, is coming to the stock market via a £65 million placing of ordinary shares at 100p each. Rutherford Asset Management will manage the trust, which aims for above-average capital appreciation through stakes in quoted media companies with market capitalisations of less than £300 million. Herald will comprise ordinary shares and warrants. The minimum participation will be £20,000 and the minimum aggregate subscription is £25 million. Dealings are expected to begin on Monday.

Clydesdale deadline

GRANT Thornton, the receiver to Clydesdale, Britain's third-largest electrical retailer, has set a deadline of February 21 for offers for the assets. Allan Griffiths, of Grant Thornton, said the response from prospective purchasers had been "very encouraging". He hopes for more than six offers for all, or substantially all, of the assets of the 135-store electrical chain. To date the receivers have retained all 1,400 staff. The Glasgow retailer is believed to owe £35 million to a banking syndicate comprising the Royal Bank of Scotland, Bank of Scotland, NM Rothschild and Barclays.

Poundstretcher deal

BROWN & Jackson has agreed a £7.1 million sale and leaseback of 18 of its Poundstretcher discount stores and another shop to the British Aerospace Pension Fund. The agreement covers most of the Leeds-based group's freehold and long leasehold stores. The 18 Poundstretcher stores have a net value of £5.6 million. Brown & Jackson will receive £5.9 million net of expenses, dilapidations and rental deposits. The proceeds will be used to reduce debt. Negotiations are continuing on the sale and leaseback of the group's remaining freehold and long leasehold stores.

Top fund managers form link

LEGAL & General has formed an international consortium with three other leading fund managers in a bid to win pension fund management contracts from local authorities (Neil Bennett writes).

After a year of negotiations, L&G's investment management arm has linked with Daiwa International, Lombard Odier and Oppenheimer Capital.

The four will offer international fund management to council pension funds. Daiwa will look after funds in Japan and the Far East. Lombard Odier will cover continental Europe and Oppenheimer North America.

L&G will manage the UK portion of the funds and handle the central administration.

Govan jobs guaranteed after 30-year turnround

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

With £31 million invested in new facilities, Govan is back in profit, consigning to the past the days of labour unrest and persistent heavy losses that once dominated the industry

GOVAN shipyard's 1,500 full-time employees have had their jobs guaranteed by the Norwegian owners until the end of this year after the Clydeside yard returned to profit for the first time in 30 years.

News of the guarantee, which will be subject to annual review, preceded the publication today of preliminary 1993 results from Kvaerner, the Norwegian engineering and shipping group that took over Govan in 1988.

The figures will show a modest profit for Govan, which was losing £45 million a year when Kvaerner bought it from the state-owned British Shipbuilders. In 1992, Govan had come close to break-even.

Under successive owners, Govan was plagued by severe labour unrest and persistent heavy losses. The Norwegians, who successfully expanded their shipbuilding activities in Germany and Finland during the European recession, have invested £31 million in Govan.

The Scottish yard, which initially concentrated on highly specialised tanker ships, has broken into the military market with a helicopter carrier order. Govan has orders in hand that will see it through to the end of next year, but Kvaerner has been benefiting from increased international demand for new tonnage.

Besides owning Govan, Britain's biggest commercial shipyard, which employs 2,000 people in all, Kvaerner has been expanding into the offshore business. Last year, it acquired two offshore engineering companies in Aberdeen to create Kvaerner Oil and Gas Services, giving the group the capability for the first time to service operators in the Norwegian and British sectors of the North Sea. The group aims to serve the expanding offshore markets of the Far and Middle East, Africa and India.

Kvaerner's Finnish yards, specialising in high-specification cruise ships, won important large orders last year, while its German yard, bought from the Treuhand privatisation agency, has also been turned round after orders for vessels for inland waterways.

The turnaround at Govan confirms shipping the industry analysts' view, advanced when the Government was seeking to sell British Shipbuilders at any price, that the industry could be made viable with the proper investment and management. Experts argued that the rapid sell-off was taking place just as world shipping demand was to enter a cyclical upturn.

County to raise cash for growth

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

COUNTY Smaller Companies Investment Trust aims to raise £35.8 million through a placing and open offer. Its intention is to increase in size and to take advantage of smaller companies' recent buoyant performance.

The fundraising, which is fully underwritten by UBS, will proceed through the issue of C shares. The open offer will be on the basis of three C shares for every two existing ordinary shares held and/or two existing warrants held. Holders of C shares will not be entitled to any dividends.

Before conversion, the directors intend to declare a special interim dividend, payable to holders of ordinary shares. The special dividend is likely to be in lieu of any final payout.

The investment trust reported an improved net asset value of 116.65p a share at the end of 1993, a rise of 15.8 per cent in the six months since June 30 and up 38.1 per cent since the end of 1992. Pre-tax revenue increased to £304,395 (£231,753) in the six months to December 31. There is a maintained interim dividend of 1.125p, from earnings ahead to 1.45p (1.06p) a share.

PIA strengthens membership for wider coverage

BY SARA MCCONNELL
PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT



Bowe: casting vote

THE board of the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), being set up by the financial services industry to regulate investment sales to the public, will be enlarged to 10 practitioner and 10 public-interest members instead of nine each.

Colette Bowe, PIA chief executive, who will continue to have the casting vote on the 21-member board, said the decision was made because the different interests being regulated by the PIA could not be included in a 19-strong board.

The composition of the PIA board has aroused controversy. Jim Stretton, deputy managing director of Standard Life, resigned last month, claiming there were not enough practitioners on the board and that a board dominated by public-interest members would not be self-regulatory. Standard Life, Scottish Amicable and the Prudential have all quit. The Consumers' Association has criticised the board for not including more consumer-interest members.

Four new practitioner members have joined while four have left. The new members are Lawrence Churchill, chief of NatWest Life: Peter Gray, chairman of the Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society; Geoffrey Lister, chief executive of the Bradford & Bingley building society, and Michael Pickard, chairman of Royal London Insurance.

Paul Bateman of Save & Prosper and John McKirdy, an independent financial adviser, stood down because their sectors were represented. Ann Nevitt from National United Order of Free Gardeners Friendly Society and Chris Sharp from the Northern Rock also resigned.

David Llewellyn, professor at Loughborough University, and Jeremy Mitchell, an independent consumer policy adviser, have joined. Another public-interest member has to be appointed.

Barclays strike threatens

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

FIFTY THOUSAND Barclays Bank staff are likely to stage a one-day strike on February 28 in protest against plans for compulsory redundancies.

The strike ballot, organised by the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union and the Barclays Group Staff Union, officially closes today, but union officials say early indications are a clear "yes" vote.

Linda Gregory, Barclays negotiating officer at Bifu, said if Barclays insisted on cutting staffing numbers "it can do it by voluntary means".

The bank is due to make 505 branch staff in London and the South East compulsorily redundant.

Ms Gregory said the action would cost Barclays millions of pounds. She predicted chaos, saying computer sites would close, and day-to-day business such as mortgage completions would not go through.

Bifu needs a 50 per cent vote in favour of the action while the BGSU needs 60 per cent. It is the first time the two unions have taken joint action against Barclays. Ms Gregory said: "Compulsory redundancies have brought us together. The issue of jobs is far more important than the petty squabbles that have existed in the past. We have proved that we can work together and work together well."

Barclays said it had tried to find volunteers for redundancy in the region before deciding to opt for compulsory job cuts. The bank has said there will be no further compulsory cuts this year.

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☐ Whistle-stop tour from the Windy City ☐ A nerve-wracking set of figures ☐ New prescription for drugs boardroom

Sears Roebuck's turnround tale

☐ ED BRENNAN, chairman of Sears, Roebuck, has blown into town, out of Chicago, for a few whistle-stop words with the likes of fund managers and City analysts, the sort of people who are unlikely to damage Sears' share price and just might do it some good.

Downside, for Brennan, is limited, bearing in mind that less than 5 per cent of Sears' equity is held in Europe, the Brits and the Gnomes historically showing more interest than most. Today will see Brennan in the vicinity of the Paris Bourse, tomorrow not unadjacent to Edinburgh's Charlotte Square. Zurich beckons on Monday, then Amsterdam.

The "Sears Turnround", as it was dubbed across the pond, is, indeed, a fascinating tale. Wall Street, not long ago, was all agog with it — running Sears' quote up to a 1993 high of a shade over $60 — so, from Brennan's perspective, recent events would seem worthy of reiteration. In the early Eighties, Sears chose to leverage its traditional retail and insurance (via Allstate) operations into a diversified financial services combine. Acquisitions of Dean Witter, the securities firm, and the Coldwell Banker real estate enterprise followed. Sears, not an institution that does things by halves, also created the Discover Card from scratch.

What might have looked like a good idea more than a decade ago looked less of a good idea in 1992: a perception heightened by the fact that Sears was heading for a consolidated net loss of $3.9 billion, equivalent to a deficit of $10.72 per common share. Brennan, with his job on the line, proved distinctly more fortunate than John Major with his version of "back to basics". In the autumn of 1992 he hired Arthur Martinez, former vice-chairman of Saks Fifth Avenue, to spearhead Sears' merchandise operation. Martinez has gone down in US folklore as Sears' saviour. One of his miracles was to kill Sears' traditonally untouchable "catalog". Another was to fire some 50,000 employees. He also closed 113 stores and launched a $4 billion, five-year renovation programme, directed at the remaining 747.

Sears sold 20 per cent of Dean Witter and Allstate in public offerings, with the remaining 80 per cent of the brokerage firm distributed to shareholders. Such offerings, along with other disposals, including Coldwell Banker, raised some $4 billion which, unsurprisingly, has done wonders to Sears' debt ratios.

Earlier this month Sears replaced its near $4 billion loss with a record-breaking net income of $2.37 billion for 1993 although fourth quarter income from ongoing operations of $544.6 million ($482 million) disappointed the bulls. Meanwhile, hot off the press, Salomon Brothers, has produced *The Sears Thesaurus — A Compendium of Change*. Recommendation "buy". Brennan is distinctly upbeat and at close on $47 the shares are selling on a prospective p/e of little more than 10.

Advisers to House of Fraser take note.

Crunching the number crunchers

☐ THE Government is right to be cautious, as ministers stressed yesterday, about one set of any regular series of economic indicators. But even given that caveat, there were some distinctly nerve-wracking aspects of a surprise increase in unemployment.

Firstly, the rise may turn out to



be even larger than yesterday's declared increase of 15,500, because of the near-mystic process of "seasonal adjustment" applied by statisticians to the raw numbers of people out of work and claiming benefit.

Retrospective readjustments to the unemployment figures are far from uncommon — only yesterday, the department revised last month's 46,800 fall in unemployment down to a drop of 40,900. Government statisticians had been prepared to make a seasonal adjustment of 67,000, to take account of the normal pattern of changes.

In fact, the seasonal adjustment factor applied to the 106,572 increase was a good deal higher, at 91,000, giving the overall adjusted rise of about 15,500. While Whitehall officials tried yesterday to suggest that there was particularly low recruitment in January, privately they admit that the high seasonal adjustment factor is hard to explain. It may have to be revised again in the future — though that may be lost in the "normal" annual revision of the seasonal adjustment to be applied next month, as it is every March.

But if this is an argument among number-crunchers, albeit an important one with some significance for jobs and the economy, at least as worrying are the figures yesterday for unemployment "outflows" — the number of people leaving the count of people out of work and claiming benefit.

For the last three months, the number of people leaving the count (seasonally adjusted, of course) has been falling. Yesterday's figures showed that the outflow drop of 30,700 marked the smallest number of people leaving the count since December 1992. If these figures are right, they suggest the number of people staying jobless may be building up again. The third point of concern is the new figures on long-term unemployment — people out of work for longer than a year. Long-term unemployment, of over six and 12 months, rose in the three months to January. With three such worrying signs, next month's figures, including new totals on employment as well as unemployment, will be a testing time for ministers' insistences that the recovery is still on course.

Old guard goes at Glaxo

☐ RESHUFFLES at the top of Glaxo are a little like changes in the line-up at the official photocall at the old-style Kremlin. The actual moves are not especially revealing; more exciting is what is said between the lines.

More significant yesterday was not the headlined retirement of Charles Sanders but the resignation of Arthur Pappas, a fellow American and close associate of the now-departed Ernest Mario and the man behind last year's over-the-counter joint venture with Warner-Lambert. Mr Pappas was left as something of a spare wheel at Glaxo once that alliance was cemented, barely filling his time running Canadia and Latin America.

More significant still was the news that the important group executive committee "is being strengthened under Sir Richard Sykes' chairmanship to include senior executives". This is interesting, not least because Sir Richard was not until yesterday actually chairman of that committee, although events have now caught up. This does suggest that his star is in the ascendance, if taken in conjunction with the other appointments and departures yesterday.

Glaxo's much-vaunted link with an American big player looks like so much Wall Street tittle-tattle, aside from the fact that in the fast-changing American pharmaceuticals market everyone is clearly talking to everyone else. More important is the expiry of patents on its Tagament money-spinner on May 17. Yesterday's news managed to lift the share price by 10p. Market estimates of half-way profits, veering between £910 million and £980 million, but bunching around the £945 million area, look about right, which should further consolidate the shares at this level.

BCCI staff to sue Abu Dhabi ruler in claim for $150m

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

■ Former BCCI staff could seek damages of up £50,000 each, contending that they are unemployable in the banking sector, tainted by the alleged corruption of their employers

FORMER employees of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International are to sue the ruler of Abu Dhabi, the bank's majority shareholder, and other parties in an attempt to recover $150 million that they allege was stolen from a staff benefit fund.

The action, which is likely to be launched next week, involves a claim against Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, and other authorities in Abu Dhabi, which owned 77.4 per cent of BCCI. The claim will also be against the bank itself, and companies in the Cayman Islands, where some of its operations were based.

Charles Gordon, of Manches & Co, the solicitors representing the BCCI Campaign Committee, said the former BCCI employees sought the approval of the Legal Aid Board; they hoped to receive it in the next few days.

Mohammad Qayyum, of the campaign committee, said the former employees believed $150 million from the fund had been "used to make good BCCI's losses in 1985". Also, he said, "other former BCCI employees' funds, such as the BCCI Employees Provident Fund, were used to prop up an insolvent BCCI bank".

The $150 million claim relates to BCCI shares held by the fund that were sold to the Abu Dhabi authorities. The payment did not go back to the fund, the former employees allege, but to plug a hole in BCCI's treasury operations. The discretionary fund had been set up to provide benefits and help for BCCI employees in illness or hardship.

The action follows their court attempts this week to seek compensation from the liquidators of BCCI. They have been seeking a ruling that would enable them to proceed with a claim for "stigma compensation".

Mr Gordon said the claim was based on the proposition that, because of the wide publicity surrounding the bank's collapse and the findings in the Bingham report on the corruption in BCCI, a former employee of the bank would be "virtually unemployable in banking".

Mr Justice Evans-Lombe ruled against them yesterday, but gave them leave to appeal. If they are given leave to proceed with their action, they are thought likely to claim between £40,000 and £50,000 each.

If the claim is successful, 700 of the 1,200 UK staff could rank alongside other creditors and be entitled to dividends when the liquidators, from Touche Ross, the firm of accountants, are able to pay them.

Mr Qayyum said: "The former BCCI employees are struggling in these difficult times to fight for a fair compensation and it will be an uphill battle against the liquidators and third parties who have large financial resources at their disposal."

STEPHEN MARKESON



VARDON, led by David Hudd (left) and Nick Irens, raised full-year profits by 137 per cent to £5.13 million in the year to December 31, against £2.16 million. Turnover at the leisure group, whose interests span the London Dungeon, Sea Life Centres and bingo clubs, rose 83 per cent to £19.4 million. The total dividend rises 50 per cent to 1.125p (0.75p), with a 0.825p final. Earnings leapt 60 per cent to 5.6p (3.5p) a share.



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Directors go in Glaxo reshuffle

By Sarah Bagnall

GLAXO, the pharmaceuticals group which last year paid £2.7 million in compensation to its former chief executive, yesterday announced a management reshuffle with the departure of three directors.

The shares were up 10pat 675p on the announcement before today's interim figures. The City is expecting pre-tax profits of £910 million-£970 million (£819 million).

The most senior management change involves Charles Sanders, chairman and chief executive officer of Glaxo Inc, the US subsidiary, who is relinquishing his executive roles. Mr Sanders, who continues as non-executive chairman of Glaxo Inc and a non-executive director of Glaxo Holdings, is being replaced by Robert Ingram, currently Glaxo Inc's president and chief operating officer. Mr Sanders, 62, has reached retirement age and will not be compensated for loss of office.

But compensation will be paid to Arthur Pappas, who is resigning as director responsible for Canada and Latin America. Mr Pappas, who had also been responsible for looking at the over-the-counter drugs market, saw his role diminish when Glaxo linked up with Warner Lambert last year and is expected to receive three years' salary.

The other departure is John Hignett, formerly finance director until he took over managing the group's £1.8 billion cash pile in June 1992. Mr Hignett, whose responsibilities are to be taken over by John Coombe, finance director, in a move reversing last year's split in the two roles, is at the end of his contract and will not be compensated.

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Investors and brokers look for another interest rate cut

RECOVERY! What recovery? That was the question being posed by investors in the Square Mile as equities and government bonds raced away, confident in the knowledge that another cut in interest is on the cards.

Investors and brokers were responding to the latest economic news showing a jump in the headline rate of inflation and another rise in unemployment. They are convinced that last week's ¼ point reduction in base rates was not enough to kick-start the economy and that another cut will be needed soon. This, they perversely believe, will also channel funds back into the stock market.

As a result, share prices made a firm start, breaching

STOCK MARKET

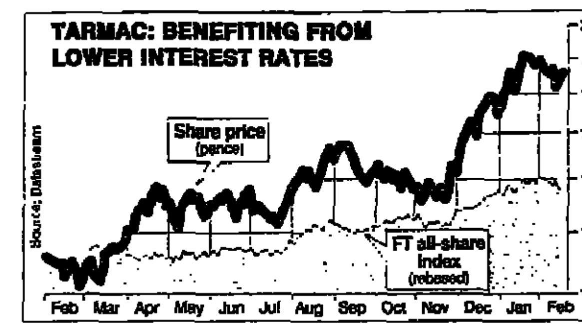
the 3,400 level, and growing in confidence as the day wore on helped by another postive start to trading on Wall Street. At its best, the FT-SE 100 index was 30 points up, but it closed off the top after the Dow Jones industrial average gave back some of its initial gains. The index ended up 24.5 points at 3,417.7.

Prices were squeezed higher by stock shortages in selective areas and this situation may be exacerbated before the expiry of the *FT-SE 100* index options tomorrow.

But turnover levels were disappointing, with only 817 million shares changing hands, compared with the billion-plus figures seen in recent weeks. Yesterday's figure was also exaggerated by trading in shares of lowly-priced **Dragon Oil**, unchanged at 2p.

By the close of business, a staggering 54 million shares had been traded, with the speculators pinning their hopes on a Hong Kong listing for the shares shortly.

The prospect of a cut in rates attracted support for builders and retailers. There were gains for **Amec**, 7p to 156p, **Higgs & Hill**, 5p to 134p, **Alfred McAlpine**, 7p to 294p, **John Mowlem**, 3p to 185p, **Taylor Woodrow**, 9p to 178p, **Westbury**, 3p to 215p, and **George Wimpey**, 5p to



235p. **Tarmac** was another firm market, adding 8p to 194p. It is expected to benefit from the trend towards cheaper money. This has not gone unnoticed by Strauss Turnbull and Cazenove, the brokers, which have both been recommending the shares to clients. Among the retailers, gains were seen in **Betterware**, 10p to 151p, **Marks and Spencer**, 6½p to 432½p, **Storehouse**, 4p to 237p, **Boots**, 7p to 543p, **Carpetright**, 9p to 304p, and **Lloyds Chemists**, 16p to 347p.

British Aerospace touched 526p before rallying to close 9p cheaper at 531p on reports that Airbus Industrie, in which it has a 20 per cent stake, had lost out to Boeing and McDonnell Douglas in a £4 billion deal to supply Saudi Arabia with civil aircraft.

But BAe is reputed to be front-runner to supply the Ministry of Defence with two communications satellites worth £300 million. The group is expected to unveil full-year figures next week that will include a £250 million provision relating to problems at its turboprop division.

British Steel rallied 1p to 155½p unruffled by reports it had been fined £22.5 million by the European Commission over price fixing.

BAT Industries lost an early lead to finish 1p lighter at 497p. Farmers, its American insurance division, expects to pay out £400 million as its share of claims relating to the recent *Los Angeles* earthquake.

Thorn EMI rose 25p to £11.31 before third-quarter figures next week. *Speculators* are also pondering the possibility of a bid from QVC Network for Thorn.

United Biscuits added 12p at 357p as Warburg Securities snapped up stock after pointing out the group's attractive yield and low P/E.

Enterprise Oil was marked lower in early trading, but closed off the bottom, with a fall of 4p to 435p. But NatWest, the broker, says the group is finding it difficult to produce enough earnings to match its current level of dividends. It says a cut in the dividend would be the prudent option but could result in a collapse in the share price, which has been largely supported by yield considerations.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts also made headway on the back of the latest economic data. The March series of the Long Gilt rose £5/16 to £116 3/16 as a total of 104,000 contracts were completed. All eyes today will be firmly focused on the *Budesbank meeting*.

In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 added £9/32 to £122 19/32, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £⅛ better at £114 3/32.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $	1.4765 (+0.0033)
German mark	2.5478 (+0.0016)
Exchange index	80.6 (+0.2)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3417.7 (+24.5)
Dow Jones	3936.15 (+7.88)*
Nikkei Avg	19052.11 (+77.51)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	5¼%
3-month Interbank	5 5/16-5 3/16%
US Federal Funds	3 5/16%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.27-3.26%*
Long Bond	6.45%*

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$:Ffr	5.8698*	£:Ffr	8.6660
$:Yen	103.65*	£:Yen	153.16
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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 383.60 ... PM 383.50
Close ... 383.60-384.10
New York:
Comex ... 383.25-383.75*

OIL

Brent Crude ... $13.35 per bbl (Apr)

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* Denotes midday trading price

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.02
Austria Sch	18.88	17.38
Belgium Fr	55.58	51.18
Canada $	2.102	1.942
Cyprus Cyp£	0.796	0.746
Denmark Kr	10.58	9.78
Finland Mkk	8.91	8.11
France Fr	9.12	8.42
Germany Dm	2.70	2.49
Greece Dr	389.50	364.50
Hong Kong $	12.06	11.06
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2568.00	2413.00
Japan Yen	167.50	150.50
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	3.006	2.776
Norway Kr	11.60	10.80
Portugal Esc	268.00	249.50
S Africa Rd	5.75	4.85
Spain Pta	215.00	201.00
Sweden Kr	12.40	11.60
Switzerland Fr	2.26	2.10
Turkey Lira	27213.0	25713.0
USA $	1.572	1.442

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Smurfit aims to float troubled US offshoot

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

JEFFERSON Smurfit, the Irish packaging group, is expected to announce plans to *float JSC, its heavily indebted* American associate. The flotation would be via an initial public offering and would *replace costly debt with cheaper* money. Leaked news of Smurfit's plans has pushed its shares to an all-time high of Ir3.75p (3.59p) in recent weeks, up from Ir3.08p at the beginning of the year.

JSC is jointly owned by Smurfit and an equity fund managed by Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank. It was created in 1989 and used junk bonds to acquire virtually all of Smurfit's US operations, giving the Irish company a big cash boost.

However, packaging prices collapsed in America after the leveraged buyout. The industry's staple product is linerboard. In 1989, the average price of the material was about $410 a ton; last year, it fell to $295 a ton.

JSC has debts of $2.5 billion *because of the 1989 restructuring and, as prices collapsed, it* was unable to pay all of its interest bills. Its assets are *valued in the balance sheet at* $1.5 billion, leaving it with a negative net worth.

Last year, JSC had sales of nearly *$3 billion and operating* income of about $150 million before restructuring charges of $150 million and *interest of $245 million. Those* numbers will improve this year because the buoyant US economy is enabling packaging producers to raise prices.

Smurfit, led by Michael Smurfit, has been protected from the troubles of its American associate because it received a cumulative non-cash preference dividend (paid in new shares) from the investment. This shielded the Irish company's profit and loss account. But the protection expires this year because Smurfit converts from preference to ordinary shares. It now seems likely that JSC can be refinanced before it damages Smurfit's accounts.

Reports from New York said the refinancing would have three stages: the public offer, a bond issue and a $1.5 *billion syndicated bank loan.* Smurfit is expected to use some of its own cash to subscribe for shares in the *public offer*



Michael Smurfit has seen shares rise to a record

WALL STREET

Dow stays ahead at midday

New York — Wall Street shares remained in positive *territory in early trading, with* four blue-chip issues — Boeing, Alcoa, Minnesota Mining, and United Technologies — accounting for most of the rise in the Dow Jones industrial average, analysts said. At midday, the Dow was up 9.56 points at 3,937.83. Advancing issues led declining shares by ten to nine.

□ **Tokyo** — The Nikkei average recovered slightly, but lack of fresh news on the Japanese-US trade dispute kept investors on the sidelines. The Nikkei average ended up 77.51 points at 19,052.11. Jonathan Davis, broker at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said: "Tokyo shares depend on what happens to the exchange rate as the trade row unfolds in the US."

□ **Hong Kong** — Shares finished with sharp losses after being hit by a late wave of overseas selling amid a lack of buying interest, brokers said. *The Hang Seng index tumbled* 378.19 points, or 3.43 per cent, to close at 10,634.14 in spite of an initial 107-point jump to a *high of 11,119.51.*

□ **Singapore** — Share prices closed higher, regaining some lost ground as sentiment was aided by revived interest in Malaysian shares traded over the counter. Brokers said there was some selective institutional buying, but volumes were not aggressive. The Straits Times industrial index rose 11.85 points to 2,341.38.

□ **Sydney** — Stronger overseas bourses helped to lift the Australian stock market to a higher close, reversing the falls of the previous two days, brokers said. The all-ordinaries index closed up 15 points at 2,249.0 off a 2253.1 high. *(Reuter)*

	Feb 16 midday	Feb 15 close
AMP Inc	63¾	62⅞
AMR Corp	66¼	65⅞
Abbott Labs	29	29⅛
Aetna Life	65¼	65⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	17⅞	18
Air Prod & Chem	49	48⅞
Albertson's	27⅛	27⅞
Alcan Aluminm	23⅛	23
Alco Standard	55⅞	55½
Allied Signal	80	79⅞
Alum Co of Am	79¾	78¾
Amax Gold Inc	6⅞	6⅞
Amerada Hess	46⅞	46⅞
Amer Brands	35	35⅛
Amer Cyanamid	46¼	47⅞
Amer El Power	33¾	33⅜
Amer Express	30⅜	30⅜
Amer Genl Corp	27⅛	27⅞
Amer Home Pr	61⅞	61⅞
Amer Intl	90	90⅞
Amer Stores	45⅜	45⅞
Amer T & T	54¾	54⅞
Ameritech	40⅞	41¼
Amoco	53⅜	53⅞
Anheuser-Busch	49⅜	49⅝
Apple Computer	37⅞	37⅜
Archer Daniels	26⅞	26⅞
Arkla	8¾	8⅞
Armco	6¾	6⅞
Armstrng Wrld	52⅝	53⅝
Asarco	25⅜	24⅞
Ashland Oil	40⅜	40⅞
Atl Richfield	103⅞	104¼
Auto Data Pro	52⅞	52⅜
Avery Dennison	29⅞	29⅜
Avon Products	55⅞	55⅝
Baker Hughes	19¾	19⅝
Baltim Gas & El	23	23⅞
Banc One	32⅞	32⅞
BankAmerica	43	43
Bank of NY	52⅞	53
Bankers Tr NY	81¼	81¼
Barnett Banks	40⅝	40⅞
Bausch & Lomb	51¼	51
Baxter Intl	23⅞	23¾
Becton Dicknsn	37⅞	37
Bell Atlantic	54⅞	54⅝
BellSouth	55⅞	56⅞
Black & Decker	20⅞	20⅞
Block (H&R)	45⅞	45⅞
Boeing	45⅞	44⅜
Boise Cascade	27⅞	27⅜
Borden Inc	15⅜	15⅜
Bristol Myrs Sq	55⅝	55⅞
Browning Ferris	29⅜	29⅜
Brunswick	20⅞	20⅜
Burlington Nthn	63⅞	62⅞
CBS	317⅞	314⅞
CNA Financial	79⅞	79¼
CPC Intl	48⅞	49⅜
CSX	89⅜	89⅞
Campbell Soup	40⅞	39⅞
Can Pacific	17¼	17⅜
Cpl Cities ABC	681⅞	681¼
Cpl Holdings	33⅜	33⅞
Carolina Pwr	27⅞	27⅞
Caterpillar	107	107⅜
Centrl & SW	29⅞	26¼
Champion Intl	32⅜	32⅜
Chase Manhat	33⅜	33¼
Chemical Bk	36⅜	36⅞
Chevron Corp	90	89⅞
Chrysler	59⅜	60⅜
Chubb Corp	74	75⅞
Cigna Corp	67⅜	68
Citicorp	41⅜	40⅜
Clorox	53⅞	54⅞
Coastal Corp	31⅞	32
Coca Cola	41¼	40⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	63⅞	63⅜
Columbia Gas	29⅞	28⅜
Commonw Ed	26⅞	27
Compaq Comp	93⅞	92⅜
Comp Ass Int	39	38⅜
Conagra	26⅜	26⅜
Cons Edison	29⅜	29⅜
Cons Nat Gas	45	45⅜
Cons Rail	63⅞	62⅞
Cooper Inds	38⅞	38⅜
Corning Inc	30⅜	31
Crown Cork	38⅜	38⅜
Dana Corp	59	59⅜
Dayton Hudson	66	66
Deere	78⅜	79
Delta Air Lines	57⅜	52
Deluxe Corp	34⅞	35
Detroit Edison	28⅜	28⅜
Digital Equip	29⅜	29⅜
Dillard Dept St	34⅜	35
Disney (Walt)	46⅜	46⅞
Dominion Res	41⅞	42⅞
Donelley (RR)	31	31⅜
Dover Corp	61⅞	61⅜
Dow Chemical	64⅜	64
Dow Jones	40	40
Dresser	22⅞	22⅜
Duke Power	38⅜	39⅞
Dun & Brdstreet	62⅞	62⅞
Du Pont	54⅞	54⅜
Eastman Kodak	42⅜	43

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Eaton Corp	59⅜	59⅞
Emerson Elec	64⅛	64⅛
Engelhard Corp	27	24⅞
Enron Corp	31⅝	32
Ethyl Corp	18⅛	19
Exxon	67	66⅝
FMC Corp	49⅞	49⅞
FPL Group	34⅞	35
Federal Express	70	70⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	86	86⅝
First Chicago	46⅞	46⅝
First Interstate	65⅝	65⅝
First Union Rlty	9⅞	9⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅞	34⅛
Fluor Corp	45⅞	45⅞
Ford Motor	65⅞	66⅛
GTE Corp	32⅜	32⅛
Gannett	54	54
Gap Inc Del	40⅜	40⅞
Gen Dynamics	94⅞	95⅛
Gen Electric	108⅞	109
Gen Mills	58⅜	58⅞
Gen Motors	61⅝	61⅝
Gen Reinsurance	107⅜	107
Gen Signal	35⅜	35⅜
Genuine Parts	37⅞	38
Georgia Pac	73⅝	72⅞
Gillette	60	59⅜
Glaxo ADR	19⅜	19⅜
Goodrich (BF)	41⅝	42⅛
Goodyear Tire	47⅞	47⅝
Grace (W&R)	44⅜	44⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25⅜	25⅜
Great Wstn Fin	17⅜	17⅜
Halliburton	30⅞	31⅝
Harcourt General	37⅜	37⅜
Heinz (HJ)	33⅜	33⅜
Hercules	116⅜	115
Hershey Foods	51⅝	51⅝
Hewlett Packard	89⅞	85⅞
Hilton Hotels	70⅜	70⅛
Home Depot	39⅞	39⅞
Homestake Mng	21⅝	21⅝
Honeywell	32⅛	32⅞
Household Intl	34⅛	34
Houston Inds	42⅞	43⅜
Humana	21⅝	21
ITT Corp	101⅝	100⅞
Illinois Tool	44⅜	44⅞
INCO	25⅝	24⅛
Ingersoll Rand	39	38⅞
Inland Steel	35⅜	35⅞
Intel Corp	66⅛	65⅞
IBM	54⅞	54⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	37⅜	37⅜
Intl Paper	75⅞	75⅜
James River Va	19⅝	19⅜
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42⅜	42⅞
K Mart	19⅜	19⅜
Kellogg	53⅝	53⅞
Kerr-McGee	46	45⅞
Kimberly-Clark	56⅜	57⅛
Knight-Ridder	56⅜	56⅝
Lilly (Eli)	57⅜	57⅞
Limited Inc	17	17⅜
LIN Brdcstng	114	114
Lincoln Nat	41⅝	40⅝
Litton	68⅞	68⅞
Liz Claiborne	20⅜	21⅝
Lockheed Corp	65⅞	66⅜
Louisiana Pac	44⅞	43⅜
MCI Commun	27⅜	27⅜
Marriott Int	30⅜	30⅜
Marsh & McLnn	83	82⅞
Masco Corp	37⅞	36⅜
May Dept St	39⅜	39⅜
Maytag Corp	17	17
McCaw Cellular	52	52⅜
McDonalds	61⅝	61⅛
McDonnell D	118⅞	117⅝
McGraw Hill	70⅜	69⅜
Mead Corp	46⅜	46⅜
Medtronic	85⅜	84⅜
Mellon Bk	54⅝	54
Melville Corp	39⅜	39⅜
Merck Inc	33⅞	33⅜
Merrill Lynch	42⅜	42⅞
Minnesota Mine	109⅛	108⅜
Mobil Corp	81⅝	81⅛
Monsanto	79⅞	79⅞
Morgan (JP)	68⅞	69⅜
Motorola Inc	103⅛	101⅝
Natl Medical	15⅞	15⅜
Natl Semi	20⅜	20⅞
Natl Service Ind	27⅜	27⅞
Navistar Int	24⅞	25
NBD Bancorp	29⅜	29⅛
NY Times A	27⅜	27⅜
Newmont Mng	53⅝	53⅜
Niag Mohawk	18⅛	18⅜
Nike B	50⅞	50⅜
NL Industries	8⅜	8⅜
Nordstrom	34⅜	34⅜
Norfolk Sthrn	71	70⅞
Nthn State Pwr	41⅝	41⅝
Norwest Corp	24⅜	24⅛
Nynex Corp	37⅜	37⅝
Occidental Pet	18⅜	18⅜
Ohio Edison	20⅜	20⅜
Oracle Systems	34⅛	33⅜

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Oryx Energy Co	18⅜	18⅜
Owens Corning	43⅜	42⅞
PNC Financial	28⅜	29⅛
PPG Industries	77⅞	79⅞
Paccar Inc	60⅞	60⅛
Pacificorp	17⅜	17⅞
Pac Enterprises	21⅜	22⅛
Pac Gas & Elec	31	31⅝
Pac Telesis	56⅛	55⅞
Pall Corp	17⅜	17⅞
Panhandle East	23⅜	23⅞
Paramnt Comm	76⅛	77
Parker Hannifin	36⅛	36
Penney (JC)	52⅛	51⅞
Pennzoil	55⅛	54⅞
Pepsico	39⅜	38⅞
Pfizer	57⅞	57⅞
Phelps Dodge	54⅝	54⅜
Philadel Elec	29⅜	29⅞
Philip Morris	59⅜	59⅜
Phillips Pet	28⅞	28⅜
Pitney Bowes	44⅛	45⅛
Polaroid	31⅛	31⅝
PriceCostco	18⅜	17⅞
Procter & Gmbl	59⅞	58⅞
Pub Serv E & G	29⅜	29⅞
Quaker Oats	64⅜	64⅛
Ralston Purina	43⅛	44⅛
Raychem Corp	36⅛	37⅞
Raytheon	65⅜	65⅜
Reebok Intl	33⅛	33⅛
Reynolds Metals	51⅛	51⅛
Roadway Srvcs	70⅛	70⅞
Rockwell Intl	42⅛	41⅞
Rohm & Haas	57⅞	57⅝
Royal Dutch	109	108⅛
Rubbermaid	31	31⅛
Safeco Corp	59	58⅞
St Paul's Cos	82	81⅛
Salomon Inc	50	50
Santa Fe Pac	23⅞	23⅞
Sara Lee Corp	22⅞	22⅞
Scecorp	18⅞	18⅞
Schering Plough	60⅞	60⅛
Schlumberger	57	57⅜
Scott Paper	44⅛	44⅞
Seagram	28⅞	29⅛
Sears Roebuck	45⅛	46⅜
Shell Trans	65	64⅛
Sherwin Wllms	35⅜	34⅞
Skyline Corp	20⅞	21
Snap-On-Tools	41⅛	41⅛
Southern Co	41	41⅝
Sthwestern Bell	38	37⅞
Sprint Corp	36⅜	36⅜
Stanley Works	44⅞	44⅝
Sun Company	31⅝	31⅛
Sun Microsys	26⅛	26⅛
Suntrust	45⅝	45
Supervalu	39⅞	40
Syntex Corp	14⅜	14⅛
Sysco Corp	27⅜	27⅛
TRW Inc	74⅝	74⅞
Tandem Comp	13⅜	13⅛
Tandy Corp	42⅞	43⅞
Telecom Corp	3⅜	3⅜
Teledyne	21⅛	21⅛
Temple Inland	51⅞	51⅛
Tenneco	57⅛	57⅛
Texaco	66⅛	66⅛
Texas Inst	78	76⅜
Texas Utilities	36⅜	37⅞
Textron	59⅜	60⅜
Time Warner	39⅜	38⅞
Times-Mirror	34⅜	34⅜
Timken	36⅞	36⅞
Torchmark	45⅞	46
Toys R Us	35⅜	35⅜
Transamerica	52⅞	53
Travelers	39⅜	39⅜
Tribune	57⅝	57⅛
Tyco Labs	53⅞	53⅜
UAL Corp	141⅝	142
UST Inc	28⅞	28⅛
USX Marathon	17⅜	17
Unilever NV	118	117⅛
Union Camp	49⅛	49⅜
Union Carbide	25	24⅞
Union Pacific	62	62⅞
Unisys Corp	14⅛	14⅛
USAir Group	12⅜	12⅛
USF&G Corp	14⅛	14⅛
US Life	38⅜	39⅜
US West	41⅛	41⅞
United Tech	69⅛	68⅜
Unocal Corp	28⅜	28⅛
Upjohn	28⅞	28⅛
VF Corp	48⅜	48⅛
WMX Tech	24⅛	24⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	27⅜	27⅝
Warner-Lambert	65⅞	65
Wells Fargo	131⅛	130
Westinghouse El	14⅛	15
Weyerhaeuser	48⅛	48⅛
Whirlpool	69⅜	70⅞
Whitman	16⅜	16⅛
Winn Dixie	49⅜	48⅛
Woolworth	24⅜	24⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43⅜	43⅞
Xerox	101⅝	99⅞

RECENT ISSUES

Alpha Airports (140)	173	...
Baring Emrg Euro	71	+ ½
Baring Emrg Eur Wts	38	- ½
Chiroscience (150)	151	...
Coda (235)	262	...
Computerised Fin (90)	148	-2
Energy Capital	58	...
Energy Capital Wts	28	...
K'wort Euro Pt (50)	44	+1
K'wort Euro Pt Wts	41	+1
Pantheon Wts	83	...
Parkside Intl (110)	125	+1
Slimma (120)	142	...
Taiwan Inv (100)	94	...
Taiwan Inv Wts	45	...
Thornton Pan Euro Wts	13½	...
Thornton Zero Div Pf	51½	+ ½
Trifast (200)	215	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglo Irish n/p (48)	19	...
Beckenham Grp n/p (25)	2	- ½
Berisford n/p (120)	112	...
Carlisle n/p (11)	17½	+ ½
Spring Ram n/p (53)	27	+2
Stanley Leisure n/p (275)	41	+1
Utility Cable n/p (10)	23	+1
Worthington n/p (51)	10	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Lloyds	611p (+10p)
SG Warburg	953p (+10p)
Allied Lyons	627p (+12p)
RMC Group	980p (+17p)
Plysu	249p (+12p)
Zeneca	790p (+14p)
Betterware	151p (+10p)
Lloyds Chem	347p (+16p)
Delta	533p (+11p)
Kwik Save	603p (+13p)
United Biscuits	357p (+12p)
BOC	695p (+15p)
De La Rue	966p (+12p)
Reckitt & Colman	692p (+12p)
Siebe	585p (+10p)
Wolseley	893p (+15p)
General Accident	681p (+21p)
Fairline Boats	402p (+32p)
Man United	655p (+15p)
FR Group	305p (+12p)
Glaxo	675p (+10p)

FALLS:

Kleinwort Benson	652p (-16p)
Highland Dist	429p (-11p)
Church	445p (-18p)
Takeda Chem	816p (-15½p)
Yorkshire TV	336p (-28p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	10,000	Cadbury	1,800	MEPC	825	Scot Power	2,200
Abbey Natl	4,200	Caradon	1,900	Marks Spr	2,500	Sears	5,300
Alld-Lyons	1,000	Carlton Cms	1,000	NFC	1,600	Svrn Trent	2,500
Anglian W	473	Coats Vyla	1,200	NatWst Bk	7,500	Shell Trans	3,700
Argyll Gp	7,500	Cm Union	936	Nat Power	3,100	Siebe	2,000
Arjo Wiggn	744	Courtaulds	564	Nth Wst W	950	SmKl Bch	1,900
AB Foods	216	Enterpr Oil	2,500	Nthrn Fds	1,900	Smith Nph	4,300
BAA	1,400	Forte	3,900	P & O	1,500	Southern Elec	584
BAT Inds	6,200	GRE	1,500	Pearson	1,600	Std Chartd	798
BOC	1,100	GUS	2,000	PowerGen	1,900	Sun Allnce	1,000
BP	8,700	Gen Acc	5,400	Prudential	2,500	Tt Gp	1,400
BTR	3,700	Gen Elec	6,100	RMC	380	TSB	5,300
BT	8,300	Glaxo	4,900	RTZ	1,100	Tesco	9,300
Bk of Scot	3,600	Granada	608	Rank Org	1,700	Thames W	965
Barclays	7,400	Grand Met	8,500	Reckitt Col	765	Thrn EMI	4,300
Bass	2,500	Guinness	3,900	Redland	2,200	Tomkins	5,400
Blue Circle	1,000	HSBC	3,900	Reed Intl	686	Unilever	668
Boots	3,900	Hanson	11,000	Rentokil	1,100	Utd Bisc	1,500
Bowater	960	ICI	1,600	Reuters	1,000	Vodafone	2,400
Brit Aero	2,100	Inchcape	1,400	Rolls Royce	3,500	Warburg (SG)	747
Brit Airwys	2,300	Kingfisher	1,400	Ryl Ins	2,500	Wellcome	1,100
Brit Gas	6,000	Ladbroke	3,800	Ryl Bk Scot	1,200	Whitbread	1,400
Brit Steel	7,700	Land Secs	1,300	Sainsbury	4,100	Wilms Hld	311
Burmah Cast	72	Legal & Gn	2,200	Schroders	17	Wolseley	155
Cable Wire	6,600	Lloyds Bk	4,600	Scot & New	1,600	Zeneca	2,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones ... 3936.15 (+7.88)
S&P Composite ... 472.79 (+0.27)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge ... 19052.11 (+77.51)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ... 10634.14 (-376.19)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index ... 431.61 (+1.71)

Sydney: AO ... 2249.0 (+15.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX ... 2136.61 (+30.99)

FT 30 share: ... 2632.0 (+26.5)

Brussels:
General ... 7682.25 (-27.42)

Paris: CAC-40 ... 2264.32 (+6.35)

Zurich: SKA Gen ... 719.30 (+12.90)

London:
FT A All-Share ... 1717.76 (+11.27)
FT Non Financials ... 1829.04 (+13.54)
FT Gold Mines ... 238.40 (+2.34)
FT Fixed Interest ... 128.32 (+0.33)
FT Govt Secs ... 104.21 (+0.36)
Bargains ... 31521
SEAQ Volume ... 817.5m
USM (Datastrm) ... 168.72 (+0.43)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 7	February 18	May 12	May 23

Call options were taken out on 16/2/94: Aegis, Aminex, Anglo Pacific, Avesco, Burton, Development Secs, Emess, GM Firth, Haemocell, Kells Minerals, Wickes.
Puts: Bimec, NHL, Tiphook. **Puts & Calls:** Bula, Emess, Hanson Wts, NHL, Ovoca Res, Utility Cable.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3396.0	3429.0	3385.0	3414.0	19206
Previous open interest: 76551	Jun 94	3408.0	3428.0	3408.0	3428.0	34
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.79	94.82	94.79	94.81	17789
Previous open interest: 434590	Jun 94	94.93	94.97	94.92	94.96	23758
	Sep 94	94.90	94.94	94.90	94.94	9981
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.36	96.37	96.36	96.36	114
Previous open interest: 13334	Jun 94	96.05	96.05	96.05	96.06	80
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.24	94.25	94.19	94.25	35788
Previous open interest: 968591	Jun 94	94.69	94.70	94.61	94.67	59246
Long Gilt	Mar 94	115-27	116-14	115-21	116-06	115512
Previous open interest: 161363	Jun 94	115-01	115-20	115-00	115-13	5399
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	115.28	115.32	114.73	114.82	1005
	Jun 94	114.20	114.20	113.60	113.70	2395
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	99.03	99.15	98.62	98.68	196844
Previous open interest: 206350	Jun 94	98.91	99.00	96.50	98.56	2475
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	102.25	102.25	101.97	102.00	1292
Previous open interest: 9624	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.71	93.73	93.66	93.70	1777
Previous open interest: 39392	Jun 94	94.23	94.23	94.17	94.19	1551
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	95.66	95.89	95.82	95.88	4529
Previous open interest: 66114	Jun 94	96.15	96.18	96.12	96.17	3666
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	116.40	116.40	115.11	115.42	110537
Previous open interest: 98798	Jun 94	116.30	116.36	115.40	115.63	2361

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.6 (day's range 80.3-80.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8526-2.8618	2.8526-2.8561	par-⅛ds	par-⅛ds
Brussels	52.43-52.57	52.43-52.54	4-8ds	15-20ds
Copenhagen	9.9400-10.0080	9.9400-9.9550	¾-2ds	2⅞-4⅜ds
Dublin	1.0377-1.0473	1.0377-1.0407	7-11ds	21-27ds
Frankfurt	2.5443-2.5520	2.5443-2.5476	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	257.01-258.13	257.46-258.08	52-128ds	263-343ds
Madrid	207.99-209.04	208.34-208.64	60-67ds	180-200ds
Milan	2471.60-2486.10	2481.50-2485.50	5-8ds	19-22ds
Montreal	1.9900-1.9999	1.9918-1.9947	0.25-0.20pr	0.48-0.40pr
New York	1.4736-1.4792	1.4750-1.4760	0.20-0.19pr	0.59-0.56pr
Oslo	10.9680-11.0540	10.9680-10.9840	½-⅝ds	⅝-⅞ds
Paris	8.6590-8.6920	8.6590-8.6730	¾-1ds	2¼-2⅞ds
Stockholm	11.8200-11.8880	11.8200-11.8440	1⅝-2⅞ds	5⅞-7⅛ds
Tokyo	152.29-153.58	153.03-153.29	⅝-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.89-17.95	17.89-17.92	par-1ds	⅛-2ds
Zurich	2.1435-2.1506	2.1476-2.1506	¼pr-par	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4750-1.4776
Australia dollar	2.0782-2.0803
Bahrain dinar	0.5495-0.5615
*Brazil cruzeiro **	787.25-788.98
Cyprus pound	0.755-0.765
Finland marka	8.177-8.293
Greece drachma	365.0-372.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.4345-11.4438
India rupee	45.78-46.74
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4325-0.4425
Malaysia ringgit	4.1207-4.1264
Mexico peso	4.52-4.62
New Zealand dollar	2.5718-2.5767
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4625-5.5880
Singapore dollar	2.3552-2.3575
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7701-6.8192
S Africa rand (com)	5.0923-5.1003
U A E dirham	5.348-5.472

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4050-1.4060
Austria	12.1165-12.1215
Belgium (Com)	35.50-35.51
Canada	1.3508-1.3518
Denmark	6.7470-6.7520
France	5.8690-5.8710
Germany	1.7230-1.7234
Hong Kong	7.7365-7.7375
Ireland	1.4140-1.4150
Italy	1677.65-1677.90
Japan	103.75-103.85
Malaysia	2.7880-2.7900
Netherlands	1.9330-1.9340
Norway	7.4510-7.4530
Portugal	174.20-174.30
Singapore	1.5925-1.5935
Spain	141.00-141.10
Sweden	8.0308-8.0408
Switzerland	1.4508-1.4515

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 4½ Week fixed: 4⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4 27/32; 3 mth 4⅞. Sell: 2 mth 4¾; 3 mth: 4 11/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4 27/32-4⅞	4 27/32-4⅞	4 25/32-4⅞	4 25/32-4⅞	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5¼	5⅛-5⅛
Interbank:	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5¼	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 5¼, close 5¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5 1/32	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.36-3.33	n/a	3.48-3.45	3.67-3.64	4.02-3.99
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1994 Agreed rates *Feb 26, 1994 to Mar 25, 1994* Scheme III: 6.70%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1994 to Jan 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.434%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅜-3⅛	3¼-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅝	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.40-383.80 Close: $383.60-384.10 High: $383.70-384.20 Low: $382.50-383.00 **Krugerrand:** $382.00-385.00 (£258.75-260.75)
Sovereigns: Old $89.00-92.00 (£60.00-62.00) New $89.00-92.00 (£60.00-62.00)
Platinum: $400.75 (£271.25) **Silver:** $5.26 (£3.555) **Palladium:** $136.00 (£92.05)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon	600	43½	52	61½	10½	27	33½
(*626½)	650	16½	27	37½	35	55	60½
Argyll	260	19½	25½	29½	13½	23	25½
(*262)	280	9½	16	21½	25½	35	37½
ASDA	50	19½	13	14	2	3½	5
(*58½)	60	4½	7½	8½	6	9	10
Boots	500	53	63	69½	4½	15½	19½
(*543)	550	19½	35	41	22½	37½	42
Br Airways	460	36	47	56	12	24½	30½
(*480)	500	15½	27½	37	32½	49½	51½
BP	390	22½	21	38	13	20	26
(*366)	390	8½	18	24	30	37½	42½
Br Steel	140	12½	17½	21	6	10½	13½
(*145½)	160	4	8½	13	18	22½	25
C & W	475	25½	41	—	17	29	—
(*476)	500	16	28½	36½	32½	45½	50
CU	600	52	67	70½	8½	19	24
(*647½)	650	27	37½	43	30½	39½	48½
ICI	750	54½	67½	76½	20½	33½	45½
(*791½)	800	24½	42½	52	47½	59½	71
Kingfisher	600	53	64½	74½	15	27	35½
(*634)	650	27	38	49	34½	52½	61
Land Sec	750	28½	39½	47	19½	35	37½
(*755)	800	7½	17½	26	51	68	69½
M & S	420	26	33½	40½	9	18½	21
(*435)	460	7½	13½	22	32	41	43
Nat West	550	27	42	51	26	37	42½
(*557)	600	9½	24	31	61½	68½	73
Sainsbury	360	32	41½	49½	6	18	21½
(*384)	390	17	26	33	19	33	36
Shell	700	41	55	63	12	29½	29½
(*726)	750	12	29	37	39½	47	55½
Smkl Bch	390	35½	49	56	12½	22	29
(*417)	420	19	32	40½	26½	37	44½
Storehse	220	24	30½	34½	4	9	12
(*237)	240	11½	19½	23½	12	18	21½
Trafalgar	115	12	16½	—	9	13½	—
(*116)	120	9	14	18½	12	16	18½
Unilever	1200	47	71	93½	29½	46½	54½
(*1223½)	1250	20½	47	66½	58½	73	81½
Zeneca	750	51	62½	76½	19	31½	43
(*790)	800	21	40½	53½	46	57	68½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Grnd Met	460	8½	26	35½	6½	19½	27½
(*462)	500	1	11½	16	40½	45½	51½
Ladbroke	200	9	17½	21	2½	15	20½
(*206)	220	1½	8½	15½	16½	26	32½
Utd Bisc	330	29	34	38	1	9	14½
(*357)	360	5	15½	22½	6½	25½	30½

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	1000	52½	70½	90	21	29	44
(*1021)	1050	27½	45	64	46	65	72½
Thames W	550	33	43	46	12½	28½	32
(*567)	600	10	18½	26	40	60½	61
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
BAT Ind	475	29½	—	—	1	—	—
(*495½)	500	8	21	34	9½	31½	44½
BTR	360	24½	32	38½	1½	12½	17
(*382½)	390	3½	14½	23½	11½	26½	32½
Br Aero	500	37	57½	79½	4	29	37
(*531)	550	8	34	51½	25½	54½	63½
Br Telcm	420	38	46	54½	1	4½	12
(*456)	460	4½	19	28½	8½	18	26
Cadbury	493	35½	40½	—	1	12	—
(*527)	542	2	13½	—	19½	37½	—
Guinness	500	32	44	55½	2	16½	27
(*523½)	550	4	17	31½	26½	45½	55
GEC	330	18½	27½	33	1½	7	14½
(*346)	360	1	11½	17	16½	22½	31
Hanson	250	9	15½	19½	2	10	13
(*257)	300	1	6½	11	14½	21½	25
LASMO	120	7	16	22½	2½	10	15½
(*125)	130	2½	11½	17	8½	16½	21
Lucas	220	6½	15½	23	4	13½	15
(*222½)	240	1	7	14	19½	26	30½
Pilkngtn	180	17	23	29½	1	6	12½
(*196)	200	2½	11	18½	8	15	22½
Prudential	330	20½	26	31½	1½	10½	15½
(*348½)	360	2	9	17	15½	23	32½
Redland	600	11	27	39½	9½	37	48
(*600)	650	1	9	22	52	73½	82
Royal Ins	317	9½	—	—	4	—	—
(*321)	346	1	—	—	27	—	—
Tesco	220	15½	22	27½	1½	11	13½
(*232½)	240	2	10	17½	9½	21½	24½
Vodafone	600	27½	52½	71	3	23	37½
(*623)	650	7½	28½	47	30½	50	64½
Williams	390	11½	24	30½	3	17½	23½
(*397½)	420	1½	9	17½	24½	37½	47½

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	500	28½	36	49	11	21	28½
(*521½)	550	5½	15½	27	43½	50½	56
Amstrad	35	5½	7½	9	1½	3	4½
(*39)	40	2½	5	6½	4	5½	7
Barclays	550	41½	52½	63½	9½	19½	29½
(*583½)	600	13	27	38½	34½	46	55
Blue Circ	360	19	27	38	11	25	34
(*365)	390	7	15	26	30	44	52½
Br Gas	330	19½	26	31	5	13½	17½
(*343)	360	5	10	16½	21	32	35
Dixons	200	24	30	34½	3	7½	14
(*217½)	220	11	18½	23½	10½	16½	24
Forte	240	24½	28½	34	3	10½	14½
(*259)	260	11	16	24½	10½	20½	25
Hillsdwn	160	22	24	27½	1½	6½	8½
(*178½)	180	9	10	16½	7½	17	19
Lonrho	160	13½	21	27½	7½	14	20½
(*164)	180	5½	12½	19	20	26½	32½
Sears	131	6	9	12	4	8	9½
(*121½)	130	2½	5	7½	11½	15	16½
Thm Emi	1100	53	65½	105½	17½	34½	55
(*1132)	1150	24	56	76	41	58½	84½
Tomkins	260	20½	28½	34	4½	9	17
(*274)	280	8	17	23½	13	18½	26
TSB	240	18½	28½	32½	5	10½	15½
(*252)	260	9½	17	23	14	19	25½
Wellcome	650	34½	56½	70½	22	42½	55
(*660)	700	13½	34½	54½	51½	71½	84
Series		**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Glaxo	650	47½	71	84½	25½	43	59½
(*674½)	700	24½	48	61	54½	69½	87½
HSBC	950	93½	116½	144½	51	85	99
(*999)	1000	58½	95	121½	77	107½	124
Reuter	2050	87½	147½	186	85½	120	147
(*2062½)	2100	69½	122	160	114½	152½	171½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
R-Royce	175	6	—	—	3	—	—
(*178½)	195	1	—	—	18	—	—
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Fisons	130	11	19	23½	7½	14	18
(*132½)	140	6½	13½	18½	14	20½	24
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Eastern Elc	650	38	56	66	2	13½	28½
(*685)	700	4½	28	41	21	35½	53½
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Nat Pwr	460	45	55	61	3½	10½	19½
(*499)	500	16	29½	38½	14½	27	36
Scot Pwr	420	32	45	53	5	12	22
(*445)	460	9½	23	32	23	31½	42

FT-SE INDEX (*3418½)

	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500	3550
Calls						
Feb	121	71	29	5	1	½
Mar	144	108	79	54	34	22
Apr	166	132	104	79	59	43
May	190	159	129	103	83	63
Jun	206	—	148	—	101	—
Puts						
Feb	1	2	10	39	87	137
Mar	30	45	65	90	121	159
Apr	33	69	90	115	144	179
May	70	86	109	132	162	192
Jun	83	—	122	—	175	—

February 16, 1994 Tot: 41655 Call: 26661 Put: 14994 FT-SE Call: 9203 Put: 9437
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Precious metals took a pause but both platinum and palladium managed to maintain their poise. Platinum took heart from official comments from mining company affiliates which seemed to suggest the likelihood of production disruptions in South Africa's platinum mines was increasing in the run up to the April elections. Gold was largely in platinum's shadow helped by physical interest.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	972-671	May	952-951
May	885-884	Jul	952-957
Jul	898-897	Sep	966-968
Sep	913-912	Dec	985-970
Dec	927-926		
Mar	939-938	Volume:	6667

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	1211-1210	Nov	1213-1211
May	1213-1212	Jan	1212-1208
Jul	1210-1209	Mar	1213-1205
Sep	1212-1211	Volume:	3394

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	11.47-11.56
Spot: 271.90		Jan	11.22-11.41
Mar	11.17-11.25	Mar	10.95-12.06
May	11.63-11.72	May	10.37-12.31
Jul	11.92-12.07	Volume:	110

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	292.4-90.7
Spot: 308.5		Mar	293.4-91.2
May	306.5-06.1	May	296.4-94.0
Aug	306.4-06.0	Aug	300.4-95.1
Oct	294.4-93.6	Volume:	610

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	73.95	117.29	123.40
(+/-)	+2.67	+9.97	+2.26
Eng/Wales	73.93	118.46	123.12
(+/-)	+2.77	+7.97	+2.66
(%)	-9.3	-17.1	-1.9
Scotland	65.43	114.82	124.74
(+/-)	n/a	+4.12	+0.59
(%)	n/a	-22.5	-0.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug		unq	Mar		unq
Sep		unq		Volume	0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	99.75
May	100.30
Jun	100.35
Sep	90.00
Nov	91.25
Volume	301

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	103.75
May	103.65
Sep	91.90
Nov	93.75
Jan	95.50
Volume	20

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
Volume	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	190.0
Apr	105.5	100.3
May	125.0	127.3
	Volume	94

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Mar ... 64.25-64.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Oil prices took some support from constructive American stock figures, but the market was generally quiet.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.15	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.20	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Apr)	13.35	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	14.25	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	14.45	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	150 (n/c)	152 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	140 (-1)	141 (-1)
Non EEC IH Mar	141 (-2)	143 (-2)
Non EEC IH Apr	141 (-1)	143 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	75 (n/c)	78 (+1)
Naphtha	136 (-2)	138 (+2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Mar	138.75-39.00	Jun	139.75-40.00
Apr	138.75-39.00	Jul	141.75-42.00
May	138.50-38.75	Aug	143.75-44.00
		Vol:	11153

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	13.31-13.33	Jul	13.88-13.94
May	13.51-13.54	Aug	14.05-14.14
Jun	13.71-13.76	Vol:	10615

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	142.00 BID	Jun	unq
Apr	unq	Jul	
May		Vol:	0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 94	1150	1150	1143
Mar 94	1185	1170	1170
Apr 94	1240	1237	1234
Jul 94	1120	1110	1117

Vol: 155 lots. Open int'st: 2420 Index 1148 -6

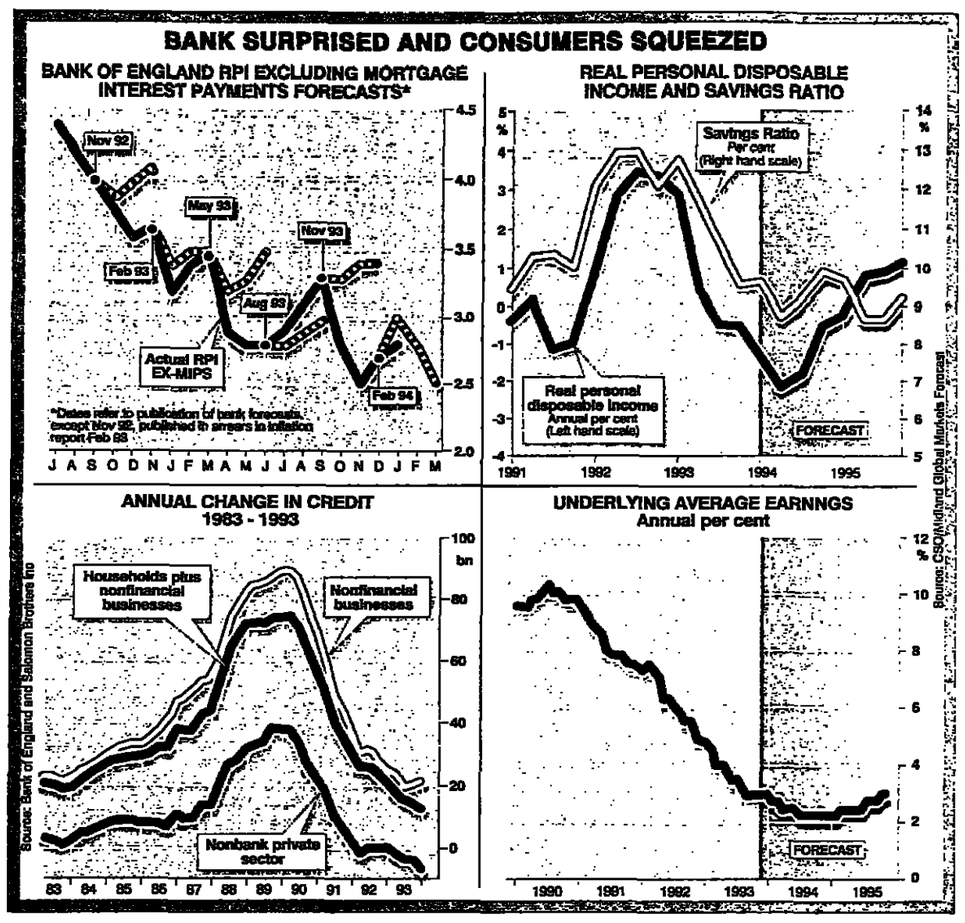
LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1870.0-1870.5	1892.0-1893.0	172660
Lead ($/tonne)	472.00-472.50	485.50-486.00	281500
Zinc Spec HI Gde ($/tonne)	955.00-955.50	973.50-974.00	615775
Tin ($/tonne)	5465.0-5470.0	5520.0-5522.0	21365
Aluminium HI Gde ($/tonne)	1266.0-1267.0	1288.5-1289.0	1970925
Nickel ($/tonne)	5759.0-5760.0	5815.0-5820.0	86376

ECONOMIC VIEW

Facing up to the real facts on Britain's recovery

Janet Bush believes that this week's clutch of statistics raises questions about the Government's handling of the economy



This week's economic statistics make a mockery of last week's *little* base rate cut. They also render ridiculous government ministers who have dutifully appeared on radio and television over the past few days and proclaimed the recovery alive and well — whatever the facts.

Manufacturing is down, but the trend is still higher, they say. Unemployment has risen, but unemployment is still falling. All of January's statistics so far have pointed in the same, disheartening direction, but Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, says that his 2.5 per cent Budget growth forecast is looking "more and more modest".

This economic boosterism with no regard to what the statistics are *actually saying is not just wearing: it* destroys the Government's credibility. The markets reacted so badly to last week's quarter-point cut in base rates, not because they did not think it was justified on economic grounds, but because official statements accompanying the cut were contradictory.

Mr Clarke's consistent talking up of the economy, including the optimism on his growth forecast in *Le Figaro* on the morning of the rate cut, does not win respect. Nor does his consistent refusal to acknowledge — as the Bank of England did last week — that impending tax rises are a source of concern.

And what of the timing of that rate cut? It was generally condemned by the markets last week because what statistics there had been on the economy up to that point had, if anything, been positive and, by conspiracy theorists, because it came on the day the Stephen Milligan tragedy hit the headlines. Even the official argument that it was designed to coincide with the Bank of England's inflation report did not wash because of the unfortunate sentence that warned of upside risks on inflation.

The timing — and the size — now look even sillier. Mr Clarke and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank, could have cut by a half-point this week, reflecting the weakening of almost every statistic, and triggered enthusiastic rallies in stocks, bonds and sterling because investors understood the logic. (As it is, the markets are rallying now in expectations of the next cut).

Instead, they chose to cut last week by a measly ¼ point — too small to persuade building societies to reduce mortgages rates and, therefore, economically pointless — and sent the markets into a tailspin. So much for the Bank of England's new power over the timing of rate cuts and its campaign for even greater independence from the Government. Advanced conspiracy theorists suggest that the Bank was so opposed to the cut in the first place that it was timed for maximum possible disruption.

So much for the presentation of policy, but what of the substance? This week's clutch of statistics raises serious questions about the Government's handling of the economy, summed up by Peter Warburton, of Robert Fleming: "The Government's apparent belief that everything is under control and that it can now fine-tune the economy with ¼ point changes in base rates is laughable." A week on from the base rate cut, the argument for more is already compelling. Inflation has yet again done better than expected. After producer prices data earlier in this week which were was encouragingly subdued, yesterday's retail prices also came in under forecast. This extends a long pattern of overestimating inflation, no more obviously so than within the Bank of England. As the chart shows, the Bank's inflation reports, with one exception, have all been too pessimistic on inflation, a worrying record given that Mr Clarke relies heavily on Mr George for advice on these matters.

It is worth mentioning here a footnote on presentation of economic policy. The Bank has made clear that it favours the measure of retail price inflation, which it has dubbed RPIY — excluding mortgages and taxes — and yet *it is the so-called* underlying rate, which simply excludes mortgages and is being pushed up by higher taxes, that the Government targets. The Treasury should swallow *potential criticism of using the best* performing measure and switch to targeting RPIY.

> "Boosterism with no regard to what the statistics are actually saying is not just wearing: it destroys credibility"

Yesterday's retail prices figure offers a grim picture of what is happening in the high street. The fall in household goods prices was the largest since records began in 1956, while the decline in prices for clothing and footwear equalled the fall in January 1992, which was the biggest since 1921.

In spite of this massive discounting, retail sales rose by only 0.6 per cent in January after December's revised 0.1 per cent fall: hardly spectacular. Even the British Retail Consortium, which represents the industry, seemed worried yesterday. Consumers, it said, now know where they stand with tax increases, cannot expect any significant wage rises this year, and are easing back quite rationally on their spending.

The health of the consumer sector can only deteriorate when the two-year programme of tax increases starts hitting household incomes at a time when there is not expected to be any real wage growth. Average earnings are growing at about 3 per cent — with not much prospect of any improvement — while core inflation is at 2.8 per cent. Only if consumers run down their savings will spending be supported and, judging by signs that they are already becoming more cautious, this source of growth has to be in doubt too. Whole areas of the economy are virtually *dysfunctional. In* spite of falling headline unemployment rates, the number of full-time jobs is still dropping and, in spite of sharp cuts in interest rates, individuals are not being tempted into borrowing.

As Salomon Brothers points out, broad money M4 and credit growth have shown significant gains in recent months, which should normally point to increased economic growth. But the truth is that the only significant new borrowers are financial companies, particularly securities dealers that have taken out long positions in gilts and equities. The annual growth of loans to households and non-financial companies, far from rising, hit a new 30-year low of 2.4 per cent in the fourth quarter. Borrowing by households tends to be spent fairly directly on goods and services; the borrowing by securities houses will probably be reversed when long positions are unwound.

Look at other contributors to growth and the story is scarcely a happier one. Production of investment goods has dropped by 3½ per cent since the middle of last year and manufacturing, after a brief surge in the first quarter of 1993 as companies capitalised on the competitive gains of sterling's devaluation, has virtually been flat. Exports, if the latest trade figures are to be believed, are slackening off, not only to recession-bound continental European markets but also to non-EC countries, where there are some extremely healthy growth rates.

Taking all these economic straws in the wind together, the recovery is not falling off a cliff, but it certainly appears to be losing momentum. To make its 2.5 *per cent growth target for this year* — and achieve the reduction in the public sector borrowing requirement pencilled into Treasury plans — the economy needs to maintain the moderate pace seen last year. Any deceleration, even before the dreaded tax increases start hitting the economy, is very worrying indeed. The nightmare scenario is that the harsh medicine of tax increases so depresses the economy that the PSBR does not shrink as it should and that more jobs are lost.

The maddening thing about watching the Treasury and the Bank of England at work — messing about on the margins with ¼ point cuts — is that what may be the first signs of the economy taking fright in the face of tax increases were so predictable. Even the City's inflation hawks have been calling for proper cuts in interest rates for months. When will Mr Clarke and Mr George start to listen?

TEMPUS

Tempered Steel

LONG-SUFFERING British Steel shareholders might feel that the 32 million ecu fine levied by the European Commission is the final insult. Since the company's flotation in 1988, the shares have risen only 16 per cent, missing out on most of the stock market's impressive gains in the past five-and-a-half years. Now the EC is threatening to relieve the group of £24.3 million, not far short of what it made in the first half of 1993 and a fifth more than it paid in dividends for 1992.

It is at least reassuring to know that BS can afford to pay the fine. The group had net debts of only £15 million at the middle of last year, and the EC's punishment amounts to less than 1 per cent of the group's £3.7 billion net asset value. But it is galling for BS's management, which has toiled to reduce working capital, to hand a portion of the proceeds to Brussels. Whatever the rights and wrongs of the EC's accusations of price-fixing, it should also be reassuring for BS's shareholders that Europe's steel market still has a remarkable capacity to absorb price increases. Prices for most basic steel products have risen by 15 per cent or more in the past year, even though there is overcapacity and demand is falling in many markets. In other industries, surely a combination of falling demand and overcapacity would result in lower prices?

But BS's shareholders should not trouble themselves unduly, since the price increases will transform the group's profitability. Profits of perhaps £80 million in the year to end-March could become £250 million next year. By then, the EC fine could have become a distant memory and investors could finally see a better return from their privatised asset.

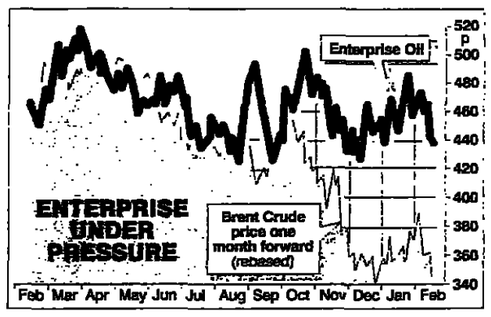
Enterprise Oil

ALL eyes will be on Enterprise Oil next month: it will be the first big exploration and production stock to report 1993 figures, but the market will be less interested in the historic numbers than *in any indication about* whether the cash from its current year production will be given back to shareholders or spent on exploration.

The choice is being forced on Enterprise by the low oil price which on some current forecasts will average $14 per barrel for this year. That compares with an average of $17 for 1993, a year in which Enterprise's expected 16p dividend will barely be covered by earnings. On a $14 scenario for 1994, earnings per share could be as low as 8p.

In spite of a gloomy oil futures market, Enterprise shares have held up well and at 435p they stand at a 10 per cent premium to asset value, even assuming an $18 oil price. That buoyancy reflects confidence in the management, which has been quick to cut costs by selling fields such as Ninian.

Enterprise should be *pumping about 200,000 bpd* from its wells in 1994 and, even on current gloomy assumptions, that should generate operating cash flow of 47p per share. But the company needs to invest now and next year to keep the product flowing post-2000. E&P stocks are asset rather than dividend plays and Enterprise may well be *tempted to cut this year's* payout if the price does not bounce soon.



Rhône-Poulenc

RHONE-POULENC's 1993 *results are not a good advert* for the French privatisation programme. When the last tranche of shares was sold at the end of October, the chemicals and pharmaceuticals group forecast a 30 per cent fall in earnings for the year. We now learn that was a 37 per cent fall.

Indeed, the group's figures would have been even more grim if the group had not chosen to tinker with its depreciation policy early last year. By extending the lives of some of its assets, the group boosted its operating income by Fr986 million. Without this help, Rhône-Poulenc would have made a loss. The red ink would spread even further without the Fr614 million profit from the sale of assets.

Nor does the company hold *out much hope for the near* future, with Jean-René Fourtou, its chairman, discounting hopes of a significant rise in profits until 1996 or later. The healthcare business will do well to keep earnings stable in 1994, and while the chemicals businesses will gain some benefit from any economic recovery, they will have to improve a great deal to replace the profits earned from disposals in 1993.

Given such pressures, shareholders should be thankful that the dividend was cut by only 20 per cent. After all, the French government has carnot afford to antagonise potential customer base too badly.

Rhône-Poulenc's shares were strangely unmoved by the group's figures and at Fr150.40, they trade on more than 40 times this year's likely earnings. That makes London's chemcial and pharmaceutcial sectors look like bargains.

Israel

LAST year every modish investor was piling into China. This year, Tel Aviv is the hottest spot to risk your money. *Today's much-trumpeted* launch of the Israel Fund shows that institutional investors are rapidly becoming fashion victims, piling their cash into whatever emerging market looks hottest at the time. The early success of the Israel Fund, which has increased in size in spite of the rumblings of financial scandal in Tel-Aviv's business community, shows how desperate investors are to spice their financial performance with something exotic.

There is nothing wrong with the Tel Aviv stock market. With a market capitalisation of $51 billion, it is worth almost as much as the Madrid bolsa and contains a selection of blue chips such as El-Al, Teva Pharmaceutical, Scitex and Bank Leumi. But, as this weekend's 4 per cent fall demonstrated, it is highly mercurial and also sensitive to political developments in one of the world's most volatile regions.

The launch of the Israel Fund and the growing number of copycats have been underpinned by the promise of a privatisation programme, falling inflation and economic growth, which is forecast to *top 5 per cent this year and* next. But much of this has been reflected in share prices that rose 27 per cent last year and 75 per cent in 1992. Large institutions can afford to take a risk in Israel. Private investors should be far more wary about putting too many eggs in this basket.

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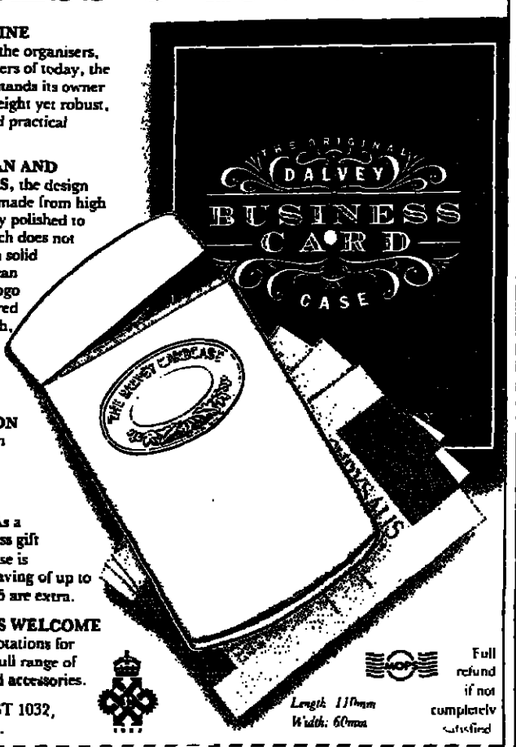
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Morale booster

MARTIN Taylor, the highly *paid chief executive at* Barclays Bank, has not won many friends among the clearing bank's branch staff since being appointed last month. The former chief of Courtaulds Textiles was interviewed for a staff video last month. Asked if he thought that morale at the bank would improve, he said: "I think people who are really miserable and utterly demoralised should go and work somewhere else because all they do is poison relationships in the work place. If things are that bad, why the hell do they stay?" (Lest it be forgot, after Eton and Balliol, where he read English and Mandarin, Taylor joined Reuters, later left them for the *Financial Times*, and left the FT for Courtaulds Textiles. Now read on.) A Barclays spokesman said the comments on video came from a wider interview in which Taylor was asked about his impressions of the bank, his relationship with the chairman, and what he would bring to the company. His answer to the latter question was "management skills"....

Hasty exit

THE affairs of State always come first, which explains why at the annual dinner of the Chartered Institute of Building on Tuesday, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, tiptoed out of the Guildhall as Sir Bernard Ingham, on behalf of the guests, was replying to his address. Sir Bernard, with the art of timing that befits a former press secretary to Baroness Thatcher, made sure his tilts at the Government's controversial plans for power-generating wind farms in the Yorkshire Dales were delivered early on in his thank-you address. But having heard the start of the digs, and while Sir Bernard was still in full flood, Gummer was seen to rise to his feet, and leave. "The Whips gave the minister cover until 10.30pm, and he had to return to the House", the Secretary of State's office assures me.

Bring a bottle

ONE can hardly avoid being impressed by the sheer size of Taiwan's foreign currency reserves, which Dr Samuel Shieh, venerable governor of the country's central bank, puts at $85 billion, making them the second largest in the world after the mighty Japan. Our humble Bank of England has a mere $43 billion. Taiwan is, therefore, seriously rich. By contrast, Taiwanese thrift was in evidence at the Tuesday dinner given in honour of Dr Shieh at the Institute of Directors in Pall Mall. For each table of 10, at a cover price of £35 per head, only two bottles of modest Cuvée Montessuy Blanc were supplied. Additional bottles had to be paid for — in cash.



"Here is a profits warning"

Hard times

ALGY Cluff, chairman of Cluff Resources, the eponymous gold mining company, was not short of an answer yesterday when asked why he had recently sold 125,000 of its shares at 48p, and which he had announced to the Stock Exchange. "Because my operating costs are higher than those of Cluff Resources, and I now have a wife and a child to support", he quipped. Cluff retains a 1.7 million shareholding in his gold mining company which has just announced the birth of a new gold mine in Ghana, adding yesterday that "wife, child, and company are all doing well".

Steely eyed

IN HANDING down fines totalling 104.4 million ecu (£79.2 million) against 16 steel companies for ganging up to fix prices, Belgium-born Karel Van Miert, the EC Competition Commissioner, was asked to explain — in English, and for the benefit of the television cameras — why British Steel had been fined, and to spell out the precise figure. With a hint of vanity, Van Miert took off his glasses, struggled to read his notes, and then solemnly said that British Steel headed the list with the highest fine of 25 million ecu, — a figure which was rushed out on agency wires before Van Miert, re-adjusting his eyes, corrected the amount to 32 million ecu. The smallest fine was imposed on Finish-based Fundia Steel — a mere 4 ecu, or £3. One wag, considering the difference between 4 ecu and 32 million ecu, was heard to mutter, "Well, at least Britain leads something in Europe".

COLIN CAMPBELL

Newcomers in PLC spotlight

SIR Philip Harris' return to the stock market with Carpetright, the specialist retailer, was one of the most highly-publicised new issues of 1993, and has earned a place on the shortlist for new company of the year in the Coopers & Lybrand PLC awards (Martin Barrow writes).

Carpetright was floated in June at 148p and the shares raced to a high of 275p. The company, launched at the onset of recession, has grown into a chain of 116 outlets, even though its market has remained flat. Sir Philip previously ran Harris Queensway and the issue was 2.6 times oversubscribed.

Roxboro Group makes electronic indicators, switches and controls. It was a £20 million management buyout from Cambridge Electronic Industries in 1990 and was floated in November via a placing and offer for sale that raised £50 million. It was 12.9 times oversubscribed.

Telspec supplies advanced telecommunications equipment to speed up existing networks for clients including BT and Deutsche Telekom. The shares were offered at 160p and reached a high of 258p.

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US-Japan trade war closer as Tokyo's surplus soars again

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO



Tsutomu Hata, left, with Morihiro Hosokawa yesterday

AS THE threat of a trade war between Tokyo and Washington sharpened, Japan reported that its trade surplus with the world had widened to $6.11 billion in January, up from $5.22 billion in the same month last year. Politically most explosive was the surplus with the US, which rose again, to $3.13 billion, from $2.93 billion in January 1993.

The chronic surplus is so vexing to Washington that, after years of unsuccessful negotiations aimed at opening Japan's markets to imports, there is growing talk of a trans-Pacific trade war.

Economists, however, foresee a downward trend in the surpluses in coming months as the high yen makes Japanese goods more expensive overseas, putting a damper on Japanese exports. But a finance ministry official put the trade picture in a different light, noting that January's surplus marked the second consecutive monthly rise due mainly to rising exports to Asia rather than to North America or other regions.

However, the headline news was the fact that the surplus with the US had risen for the eighth successive month. After last week's failed talks between Morihiro Hosokawa, Japan's prime minister, and Tsutomu Hata, foreign minister, on one side and President Clinton and Mickey Kantor, US trade representative, on the other, this was sure to make US trade hawks even more determined to force Japan to change its ways.

"The bilateral surplus will remain large for the first half of this year," said Hidehiro Iwaki, senior economist at Nomura Research Institute. The US economy had been picking up, encouraging imports from Japan, he said.

Economists noted that January figures normally failed to reflect the general trend for Japan's trade, as new year holidays affected port activity.

One reason for last month's sudden rise in the surplus was a flurry of car shipments to Europe, a bank economist said. Japanese carmakers had reached their yearly quota to the EC before the year's end, so car shipments ready in December had been delayed until January. Car and other automotive-related shipments make up about a quarter of Japan's exports and have a big impact on trade.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Trencherwood in black with more homes sold

TRENCHERWOOD, the housebuilder, returned to the black at the full year and predicted further improvement this financial year. Pre-tax profits were £1.8 million in the year to October 31, against a loss of £21.4 million, aided by exceptional gains of £3.1 million, including profits on the sale of a subsidiary. Turnover fell to £15.3 million (£18.9 million).

The number of homes sold jumped from 165 in 1992 to 188 last year, reflecting greater confidence in the market. John Norgate, chairman, said: "This increased activity coupled with low interest rates and improving consumer confidence augurs well for the markets in which we operate and I therefore look forward to 1994 with confidence." Contracted land sales totalled £1.9 million. The group has a strong land bank of 6,912 plots, of which 1,500 have planning consent. Trencherwood hopes to reduce its exposure to commercial property in a "controlled and careful manner" to obtain the maximum potential value from investments. Earnings were 3.45p a share, against losses of 83.1p. There is again no dividend.

Leslie Wise pegs payout

AN UNCHANGED total dividend of 4p with a 2.25p final has been declared by Leslie Wise, the women's clothing and textiles group, despite volatile trading, said Neil Wise, chairman. The company benefited from stronger second-half trading to record pre-tax profits of £2.47 million in the 12 months to November 30, against £2.52 million last year. Earnings per share dipped to 4.74p (4.96p). Mr Wise said textile merchanting increased sales by 6 per cent.

Technical fall at Benson

BENSON Group, the Midlands engineer, saw pre-tax profits drop to £65,000 from £817,000 in the six months to November 30. However, this was largely a technical fall triggered by the transfer of £763,000 to reserves, restoring goodwill written off in 1989 on an acquisition that has since been sold. Stripped of this, pre-tax profits edged ahead to £828,000. The interim dividend is unchanged at 0.1p a share on losses per share of 0.04p (0.55p earnings).

MAI bid unconditional

THE £292 million takeover of Anglia Television by MAI group, headed by Lord Hollick, has been declared unconditional, after the offer attracted valid acceptances in respect of 81.3 per cent of Anglia shares. The offer will remain open for acceptance until further notice. With the exception of the 2,000 shares owned by the MAI pension fund, none of the acceptances related to parties acting in concert with MAI.

Alvis buys Unipower

ALVIS, which makes armoured vehicles, has bought Unipower Group for an initial £2 million. Unipower designs and builds specialist vehicles for the commercial and military markets; orders total £30 million. Alvis, which is also taking on Unipower's bank overdraft of £6 million, said the deal was expected to have a neutral impact on this year's earnings but should help next year. Another £2 million may be paid depending on Unipower orders.

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Orchestrating the accounts

By Aileen Beattie

ORCHESTRA plc, the annual report and accounts of a fictitious but highly progressive quoted company, is the latest publication in a long-term project by the research committee of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. The project runs under the rubric *Making Corporate Reports Valuable*.

The original discussion document of that name, published in 1988, set out to improve the quality of corporate disclosure by encouraging better design of financial statements and more useful notes to the accounts, together with narrative that is not only informative but also explains and interprets. The document's most controversial proposal addressed the issue of applying net realisable value accounting to all assets and liabilities.

Two years later came *Melody Plc*, a specimen annual report in co-operation with Grampian Holdings. *The Future Shape of Financial Reports* followed. This joint publication between the Scottish and English and Welsh institutes recommended financial reporting reforms that could be implemented reasonably quickly. Critically, *Future Shape* suggested that asset valuation policies in accounts should be dictated by the nature of the item to be valued.

Orchestra Plc, edited by Paul Gordon and Pauline Weetman, involves preparation of a set of consolidated financial statements and notes to the accounts and provides an opportunity to test the feasibility of implementing the proposals in *Making Corporate Reports Valuable*. It addresses some of the most contentious issues in financial reporting, including valuation and goodwill, inflation adjustments and pensions.

Unlike *Future Shape*, which allows a choice of valuation method, depending on the class of asset concerned, the proposals in *Making Corporate Reports Valuable* recommend net realisable value (NRV) accounting. For Grampian Holdings however, NRV proved to have its limitations. For example, a complex piece of machinery specifically designed for a company may have no net realisable value, though its value to the business could be huge.

In instances such as these, Grampian considered that calculating an NRV for all assets would lead to subjective and, in some cases, meaningless valuations. Debate over whether users would understand NRV accounting for specialised assets led to the conclusion that they would not.

Commenting on the *Orchestra Plc* report, David McGibbon, finance director of Grampian Holdings, said: "Our discussions repeatedly returned to the question of whether the user would be able to understand net realisable value accounting for specialised assets and the answer every time presented itself in the negative."

On examining the implementation of NRV accounting at group level, he said, "Grampian would not find it feasible to place a net realisable value on a subsidiary as a whole." In addition to the valuation issue, *Orchestra Plc* endorses the proposals of the Cadbury Committee on corporate governance. It also recommends that accounts include goodwill as an asset to be carried in the balance sheet. The carrying value should be reviewed each year by the directors and discussed with the auditors. In the event of any diminution, the goodwill should be written off.

As Mr McGibbon points out, current accounting treatment of goodwill is "confusing, with most companies writing off goodwill on acquisition on consolidation under the terms of SSAP22, despite its real carrying value and the impact it has on the company's gearing.

"If companies were able to carry goodwill in a manner proposed in *Orchestra Plc*, that would go some way towards redressing the balance towards something more meaningful."

Orchestra Plc, edited by Paul Gordon and Pauline Weetman, is available from The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, 27 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1LA, price £10.

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Aileen Beattie welcomes the latest publication on a key accounting issue

Setting the scene for a difficult choice

IN A couple of weeks the Scots ICA celebrates the 500th anniversary of the publication of the first work to properly set down a system of double-entry book-keeping, Pacioli's *Summa*. That event, it is argued, opened up the private world of the scribe to a wider audience, apprentices and the trading world.

But it also, in a sense, set accounting free. The uses of those freedoms have been argued over ever since. A paper, to be debated at the Scots' celebratory Pacioli seminar, takes a particular look at how the profession currently behaves and does not like what it sees.

It is called *"The Professionalisation of Accountancy: A history of protecting the public interest in a self-interested way"*. It is by Professor Tom Lee who, though now based at the University of Alabama, has long been a big influence on accounting thought and teaching in Edinburgh. And the paper really sets the scene for the difficult choice for the profession as it wrestles with the dilemma of balancing the conflicting objectives of protecting public interest while protecting its members' interests. It is the sort of dilemma which has been ignored for years, has not gone away and is now not being dealt with. His starting point is the idea of a golden age of accounting through much of this century when the world largely left the accounting profession alone to get on with its business. Only in the 1980s, he says, did informed criticism become a permanent feature. Although there have always been financial scandals, he says "prior to the 1980s there is no obvious evidence of these cases having an impact on members of the general public other than damaged investors and creditors". Now that has changed and there is undeniably "a significant crisis of confidence". But he adds accountancy is unique in this. All professions suffer criticism but only in accountancy is it so persistent and strong.



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Certainly the early days of the profession as we know it were motivated by self interest rather than public interest. The Scots lay claim to the first professional accounting body in the world, the Society of Accountants in Edinburgh, in 1854. The catalyst, Lee suggests, "was a proposed change in bankruptcy law which would have allowed lawyers to undertake work then dominated by accountants". There was a need, in other words, for a body to do some lobbying. They succeeded. The difficulty is then to argue that the profession was about self-interest only. Lee says the analysis of the reasons behind the creation of a professional body "is evidence of a profession created to provide market control of accountancy services". In taking an irresistable sideswipe at the formation of the English profession, he rather undermines his argument.

"Unlike the Scottish formation, that in England was initially characterised by competitive disputes between regional bodies over elitism and concentration of power in certain firms," he says. And you can almost hear an Edinburgh voice saying "well, ye ken noo". So the motives for creating a professional body are not necessarily to do with diddling the public out of its fees. The problem in all these arguments is how far it is reasonable to see everything the accountancy profession does as a conspiracy against the public.

Lee goes on to suggest that the profession's response to criticism is to adopt "a complex strategy of doing 'nothing' ". This he describes as a process of "decoupling pronouncements of ideal accountings and audits from corrective actions by responding to concerns and maintaining the status quo so long as this is economically viable". He suggests that this strategy of doing nothing "is a familiar feature of the history of the accountancy profession". I would suggest a strategy of doing nothing is hardly a conspiracy. It has always been a familiar feature, even an objective, of a huge proportion of the human race. Taking a contemporary example, you could argue that the English ICA currently has a strategy of "doing nothing" but to suggest this was due to some sort of malign plot rather than simple policy drift would be stretching credibility. Trouble is, there is a serious argument here. And Lee knows it. He talks of "the inherent difficulty of being a professional with an explicit covenant to serve the public interest in situations where there are considerable economic incentives to adhere to self-interest".

Obviously so, but hardly unique to accountants. It is true of anyone in any part of the public arena. Even the humble journalist may find striving for truth and setting it down also enhances both reputation and job prospects. A more useful approach to the dilemma would be one which viewed the profession as a huge number of accountants with different skills and objectives rather than an army of apparatchiks controlled by a band of plotters.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Institute of Good Food

ONE aspect of the recent flurry of leaked documents which are currently causing great ire amongst the English Institute of Chartered Accountants leadership has been missed. While trying to track down the photo-copying miscreants, the institute itself issued a whole pile of financially sensitive information inadvertently among its council papers. And these included some very detailed figures for the performance of the restaurant which Leiths runs on behalf of the institute in the basement. We can report that even though the latest *Good Food Guide* says the place is "affordable" it does seem to make a stunning amount of money. So much so, that it cannot be long now before the members suggest that the institute gives up its accounting duties altogether and goes in for just selling its toffee puddings instead.

History buffs

AT LAST: some essential reading for those long winter nights. *Chartered Accountants in England and Wales: a guide to historical records*, is the fruit of a two-year survey that set out to locate the archives of member firms and encourage the preservation of historically valuable records which were at risk. By raising awareness of the value of retaining records, the survey hoped to preserve useful information for future generations. The 241-page tome contains entries for 182 firms, costs £40, and is available from Accountancy Books on (0908) 248000.

Star struck

ENGLISH rugby aficionados may find the latest bit of accounting gossip rather depressing. After England's somewhat narrow and lucky win over Scotland a fortnight ago, there was much talk of how the team really missed the flair and style of Jeremy Guscott, its Bath centre three-quarter, and how long his current injury would keep him out of the team. Sad to say, the news is not good. Those in the know around Bath suggest that the fact that Guscott has moved his financial affairs to the same accountant who deals with rock star Peter Gabriel means that he now prefers the world of stage and catwalk to chilly evening training sessions in the Bath mud.

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
534	345	Abbey Ntl	532	+9	11.8	2.8	20.1
314	179	Allied Irish	281	+1	...	3.7	14.3
278½	130	Aus New Z	271½	-1	...	7.4	21.3
3806¼	2712¼	Bancamerica	2918¼	-18¼	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	285	+2	...	4.4	21.0
395	325	Bk Leumi UK	395	...	17.0	5.4	...
247	116½	Bank Scotland	231	+6	4.6	2.5	31.4
662	382	Barclays	593	...	...	2.7	...
30	8	Carlisle	29½	+½	...	...	...
655	395	Cater Allen	650	+9	28.0	5.4	...
180	85	Cattles	164	...	...	3.4	21.8
2487¼	1543¼	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2912½	1349½	Citicorp	2750	-12½	...	...	...
560	290	Close Bros	535	...	...	2.6	19.5
£153¼	9171¼	Commerzbk	£140¾	+87½	...	2.7	...
£348¼	£250¼	Deutsche Bk	£325¼	+475	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	89	...	...	2.1	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank	1423	-20¼	...	0.4	...
529	345	Gerrard Nat	505	+4	21.5	5.3	13.4
1113	490	HSBC	992	-17	20.0	2.5	23.7
1133	474	HSBC Hk	1011	-19	20.0	2.5	24.2
473	243	Hambros	445	-6	14.3	4.0	20.5
443	313	Joseph (L)	438	...	16.7	4.8	...
170	96	King Shaxson	165	...	9.0	6.8	...
693	312	Kleinwort Ben	652	-16	16.7	3.2	22.6
690	492	Lloyds	611	-10	...	4.5	12.9
116	63	Lon Scot Bk	114	...	3.4	3.7	19.3
620½	322	Nat Aust Bk	592½	+7½	...	4.0	14.4
634	396	Nat West	559	+4	17.8	4.0	34.0
573	270	Provident	527	+4	12.4	3.0	22.8
67	39	Rea Bros	54	...	0.5	1.1	68.0
528	237	Rvl Bk Scot	498	+4	...	2.8	22.5
1490	467½	Schroders	1359	+8	...	1.1	27.1
1437	576	Stand Chart	1285	-16	20.5	2.0	...
291	149½	TSB	251	...	...	3.8	17.1
204	78	Union Disc	204	+2	3.0	1.9	∞
1012	529	Warburg SG	953	+10	...	2.6	13.9
9262¼	4843¼	Wells Fargo	9912½	+25	...	3.1	...
260	121	Westpac	252	-5	...	3.2	...
390	188	Wintrust	382	...	...	3.2	33.9

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	627	+12	...	4.3	17.4
647	441	Bass	516	-2	...	4.8	13.7
299	189	Boddington	280	-2	7.5	3.4	16.3
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	459	+3	...	2.8	18.4
193	129	Burtonwood Brs	174	+1	4.7	3.4	14.5
191	75	Eldridge P 'A'	166	...	...	2.7	23.0
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	62½	-½	...	4.6	73.3
492	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	492	+2	7.5	1.9	20.7
396	353	Grand Met	462	+6	...	3.5	20.1
511	347	Greenalls Grp	460	+1	...	3.4	15.8
584	505	Greene King	547	...	...	2.8	15.3
542	399	Guinness	520	+5	...	2.9	19.8
80	31	Halkin Hldgs	71	...	...	...	55.4
281	230	Hardy Hansn	261	...	...	4.1	14.0
150	105	Heavitree	150	...	3.6	3.0	∞
457	295	Highland Distl	429	-11	...	1.9	21.3
3225	2538	Hull J	3175	...	42.0	1.7	30.7
196	118	Macallan-Glen	151	...	4.3	3.6	33.9
465	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	216	...	...	2.3	15.5
302	251	Mrston Thmp	296	...	...	2.3	16.5
595	265	Matthew Clark	558	...	...	4.1	31.6
300	210	Mrrydwn W	213	...	7.0	4.1	19.0
580	455	Morland	510	...	...	2.4	17.5
12	6½	Paramount	10½	...	...	1.8	18.5
262	145	Regent Inns	262	...	...	2.1	26.6
1521½	753½	SA Breweries	1265½	-9½	...	2.2	20.9
591	397	Scot & New	531	+9	...	4.0	16.3
225	156	Taunton Cider	171	+1	6.2	4.6	13.3
306	213	Vaux Group	285	...	...	4.2	18.3
420	225	Wetherspoon JD	397	-2	...	1.7	30.8
617	435	Whitbread	557½	+10½	...	4.0	15.4
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	545	-2	...	2.9	15.3
528	475	Young 'A	525	...	14.7	3.5	21.7

BUILDING, ROADS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
305	75	Abbey	205	...	...	1.2	33.7
[illegible]	12	Albrighton	36	+1	...	0.5	...
200	97	Allen	196	...	...	3.2	44.4
160	65	Amec	156	+7	3.0	2.4	28.9
15¼	4	Anglia Sec	12	...	...	...	...
419	150	Ashtead	418	...	...	1.4	44.2
165	101	Attwoods	164	...	...	3.8	...
363	180	BPB Ind	349	-¾	...	2.7	41.8
125	57	Baggeridge Brk	123	...	...	3.2	27.0
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	39	...	0.6	1.9	...
105	68	Barcom	69	...	...	5.4	8.3
57	17½	Bardon	56	+3	2.0	4.5	27.6
292	94	Barratt Devs	288	+1	...	1.7	30.9
304	152½	Bellway	281	+2	...	2.7	26.4
59	15	Bellwinch	58	...	...	...	...
243	98	Berisford Intl	240	-1	...	...	...
573	245½	Berkeley Gp	570	...	...	1.4	30.8
153	45	Bett Bros	151	...	...	1.7	19.5
93	36	Blockleys	75	-3	1.0	1.7	...
391	189	Blue Circle	366	-4	...	3.8	...
355	230	Boot (Henry)	336	...	6.0	2.2	16.8
117	79	Breedon PLC	114	...	4.6	5.0	28.0
145	82	Br Dredging	144	...	5.2	4.5	32.0
99	45	Brit Fittings	93	-2	1.7	2.4	...
197½	99	Bryant	188	...	...	2.2	28.6
146	55	CALA	141	...	...	2.0	...
390	200	CRH	383	+2	...	2.1	21.0
66	19	Cakebread Rby	66	+3	...	...	...
42	21	Costain	39½	+½	...	...	...
185	86½	Countryside	175	...	...	3.0	∞
116½	39½	Crest Nicholson	115	+2	...	1.1	...
140	27	Cussins	135	...	...	0.9	...
25½	15	Edmond Hldgs	21½	...	0.3	1.7	...
300	178	Epwin	300	...	7.0	2.9	25.4
92	32	Erith	75	...	0.3	0.6	...
509	252	Eve Group	459	...	...	2.8	17.3
245	97	Freeman Gp	244	...	6.0	3.1	38.2
60	38	Galliford	59	...	...	2.1	...
92	52	Gibbs & Dandy	92	+2	...	2.7	...
1025	695	Gleeson (MJ)	1030	...	...	1.6	17.7
8294	75	Hewden-Stuart	163	-1	...	2.1	34.9
51	28	Hewetson	50	...	...	3.1	37.3
473	173	Heywd Wm	449	-1	13.0	4.0	...
145	37	Higgs & Hill	134½	+5½	2.5	2.3	...
38	26	How Gp	30	...	...	4.7	...
31	15	Howard Hldgs	30½	+1½	0.5	2.0	...
100	39	Ibstock Johnsen	96	...	1.0	1.3	...
25	12	Jarvis	23½	...	...	...	...
428	196	Laing (J)	410	...	9.0	2.7	16.4
164	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	156½	...	...	5.1	...
145	55	Ln Clydeside	140	+2	...	4.3	27.5
230	100	Lovell (YJ)	156	...	...	...	70.8
405	240	Manders	389	-5	9.3	3.0	23.8
215½	93	Marley	196	...	4.2	2.7	57.5
155	61	Marshalls	141	...	...	3.5	...
257	122	Maunders (J)	250	...	...	2.6	24.1
299	96	Mcalpine (A)	294	+7	6.5	2.8	50.9
82½	23	McCarthy & S	75	...	0.5	0.8	...
569	272	Meyer Int	546	+1	...	2.3	54.7
188½	62	Mowlem (J)	185	+3	4.0	2.7	...
196	51	NSM	192	+5	...	...	...
53	41	Needler	41	...	...	4.4	19.1
196	106	Newman Tnks	151	+1	...	4.6	24.2
382	197	Persimmon	374	+1	8.6	2.9	38.2
26	9	Phoenix Timber	18	+1	...	...	...
1790½	1227½	Pochins	1790½	...	29.0	2.0	25.5
198	80	Prowting	192	-1	3.4	2.2	...
1099	555	RMC Gp	980	-17	...	2.6	36.8
117	75½	Raine Ind	106	-2	...	3.5	25.1
36	18	Ransom	35	+2	...	...	...
640	402	Redland	600	+8	25.0	5.2	34.9
86	64	Roskel	75	+3	4.3	7.2	11.1
371	207	Rugby Group	338	+7	6.4	2.4	25.9
68	23	Sfyld-Pres	58	...	...	0.5	...
159	68	Sharpe & Fisher	159	-1	...	2.8	31.4
288	96½	Sheffield Insl	278	-2	...	2.4	68.2
268	82	Shrift Hldgs	258	...	...	1.8	24.6
110	66	Shorco	110	...	5.2	5.9	25.0
245	196	Smart (J)	245	...	...	4.3	18.5
6¼	1½	Starmin	4½	...	...	...	...
204½	100	Tarmac	194	+8	5.5	3.5	...
258	131	Tay Homes	248	+3	...	2.9	30.6
183	63	Taylor Woodrw	179	+9	1.0	0.7	...
760	432	Tilbury Dougls	760	+2	33.0	5.4	24.7
60	19	Torex Hire	54	...	...	...	...
370	162	Travis Perkins	340	+6	8.0	2.9	59.9
29½	9	Trencherwood	29	+1	...	...	...
43	25	Try Group	39	+3	1.0	3.2	11.0
29	2	Tudor	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
117	41	Vibroplant	112	...	2.5	2.8	40.3
77	30	Ward Hldgs	70	...	...	...	...
45	25	Waterhouse	43	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	465	+9	...	3.2	20.1
225½	90	Westbury	215	+3	5.0	2.9	33.6
7	3	Wiggins	6½	...	...	...	...
571	362	Wilson Bowden	562	...	...	2.0	39.6
259	147	Wilson (C)	259	-1	3.9	2.1	41.4
249	104	Wimpey G	235	+5	...	2.8	...
47	13	YJM	35	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	465	ADT	729	...	...	...	...
403	198	Adam & Harvey	400	+2	13.0	4.1	7.3
92	50	Ad London	86	...	3.5	6.4	12.1
56	37	African Lakes	52	+4	2.0	4.8	...
178	[illegible]	Auto Sec	136	...	...	5.6	24.4
163	84	BET Ord	147	+2	...	1.9	5.9
145	41	BWB Res	144	...	4.9	4.3	...
318	185	BPP	253	...	9.3	4.1	14.0
186	134	BSM	196	+2	...	1.9	16.3
285	196	Barbour Index	220	...	4.1	4.7	14.8
23	15	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
269	194	Brit Data Mgt	205	...	4.7	2.9	14.9
29	11	Broadcastle	29	...	...	1.1	23.1
76	49	Brooks Service	75	...	...	0.8	...
110	56	CRT Gp	110	...	...	3.3	19.7
240	139½	Capita Group	239	...	...	1.3	34.4
59	31	Caslon Plc	56½	...	...	2.0	21.7
35	15½	Chiltern Capital	29½	+1½	...	...	...
84	26	Christie	84	...	...	...	...
422	226	Chubb Sec	396	+1	...	1.7	24.6
132	91	Comack	115	+1	...	1.6	30.0
48	6½	Corp Services	47	...	...	...	...
46	20	Coutts Cnslt	44	+1½	...	...	...
179	50	Dart	159	...	3.5	2.6	21.6
276	198	Davis Service	267	...	...	3.7	20.1
152	55	EW Fada	151	...	4.4	3.7	17.3
34	11	Gardiner	30½	...	0.7	3.0	∞
334	215	Hays	315	-1	...	2.1	27.5
269	174	Hcrg Robinsn	284	-1½	...	3.0	20.7
70	34	Hornes Frosen	34	...	...	...	2.1
357	127	Hsch Whamp	304½	-21½	...	1.6	25.2
2696¼	975	ISS B DKr	2647½	...	...	0.8	18.6
637	473	Inchcape	575	+2	...	3.1	18.7
1035	669	Johnson Clean	1028	...	25.7	3.1	22.4
12	2½	Lep	7½	...	...	...	...
362	172	Mlle Gp	362	...	4.0	1.4	24.9
1234½	692½	Manpower	1195½	-6½	...	...	...
78½	40½	Michael Page	77	...	1.8	2.9	32.7
259	105	Pentna	109	-1	8.0	9.2	4.1
5½	2	Prime People	4	+½	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot	81	-6	...	2.1	4.5
422	337	RCO	400	...	15.2	4.9	13.1
116	56	REA	110	...	2.0	2.3	...
132	45	Reed Executive	125	...	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Secu	131	...	4.5	4.3	34.4
279	178	Rentokil	265	+5	2.5	1.2	31.1
368	222	Rolfe & Nolan	363	...	...	2.6	34.9
309	237	Salvesen (C)	299	...	...	3.4	19.2
58	26	Scott Pickford	56	...	0.8	1.8	17.8
17½	[illegible]	Select Appt	13½	...	...	...	...
1333	695	Serco Gp	1333	...	13.3	1.2	36.9
102	50	Sherwd Grp	90	-3	...	9.7	2.6
150	90	Sketchley	116	...	...	3.2	36.5
355	310	Warner Howrd	337	+1	6.6	2.5	17.6
45	27	Weipac	30	...	...	...	...
30	14	Wills Gp	30	...	...	1.7	21.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
280	210	Allied Colloids	277	...	...	2.0	25.5
1060	617	Amersham	1055	+7	...	1.6	32.4
7	1½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£119¼	8325	BASF DM	£115¼	+7¼	...	5.5	...
373	199	BTP	348	...	...	3.4	27.8
£145¼	£101¼	Bayer DM50	£140½	+8¼	...	3.7	...
178	105	Blagden	174	+6	6.5	4.7	18.8
165	93	Brent Chems	123	...	...	7.5	11.3
550	347	Br Bio-Tech	385	...	...	...	...
29	5	Cairn Gp	12½	+½	...	...	35.4
199	126	Canning (W)	179	...	7.2	5.1	23.5
475	383	Cantab Pharms	430	...	...	...	...
698	421	Courtaulds	510	+8	...	3.5	12.8
375	229	Croda	364	+1	...	2.7	20.9
143	103	Doeflex	132	...	4.6	4.4	10.1
262	175	Ellis & Everard	278	+6	...	3.3	23.3
42½	15½	Euro Colour	38½	...	0.8	2.0	18.4
351	256	Halstead (J)	346	+1	...	2.3	17.1
241	150	Hickson	196	+2	...	5.2	18.0
£123¼	9350	Hoechst	£117¼	+7¼	...	3.1	...
227½	157	Holliday Chem	198	+1	...	2.3	18.2
815	608	ICI	792	-3	...	4.3	...
841	576	Laporte	827	+1	16.0	3.0	22.8
218	181	Leigh	217	+2	...	4.5	19.1
67½	35	MTM	66	...	...	...	...
2365¼	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2271¼	...	...	1.2	32.7
603	370	Pattison Zoch	583	+4	...	2.7	19.7
553	300	-do- 'A	553	+4	...	2.8	18.7
296	193	Plysu	249	+12	...	3.5	21.2
303	173	Porvair	293	...	3.8	1.6	31.3
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	65	+1	...	...	...
490	412	Wardle Storeys	484	...	...	4.5	22.4
625	395	Wlstnhlme R	625	-5	17.0	3.4	21.4
483	330	Yorks Chem	481	+1	...	2.0	25.8
312	231	Yule Catto	302	...	...	2.4	19.1
867	591	Zeneca	790	+14	...	4.4	40.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	76	...	...	4.9	...
248	173	Allders	232	+1	...	3.3	17.3
410	257	Argos Plc	360	-4	...	3.4	31.5
25	8	Ashley Group	9½	...	...	2.5	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	100	+1	0.1	0.1	...
357	278	Asprey	341	-2	5.2	1.9	22.0
190	94	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.6	...
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	165	...	...	4.6	16.6
150	94	Bentalls	147	...	1.9	1.6	...
278	125	Betterware	151	+10	...	1.8	18.1
47	22	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
261½	133	Body Shop	249	+3	...	0.9	32.1
16½	9	Brown & Jackson	9¼	...	...	1.0	5.0
491	318	Brown (N)	490	...	...	1.9	28.8
87½	54	Burton	54½	+½	...	4.6	...
245	126	Cantors	236	+1	...	2.1	32.7
530	395	Church	445	-18	12.5	3.5	39.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	161	...	4.3	3.4	19.4
287	212	Coats Viyella	269	-1	...	3.5	37.2
120	78	Colourvision	91	...	5.6	7.7	16.3
181	154	Ctry Casuals	165	...	...	3.1	15.3
935	374	Courts Furnish	875	...	5.6	0.8	11.0
170	115	Crown Eyes	170	...	7.5	5.5	11.6
137	80	Dairy Farm Intl	119½	-4½	...	3.1	17.6
109½	51½	Dewhurst (J)	109	...	0.8	0.9	35.0
203	169	Dixons Grp	217½	-1½	...	3.6	...
21	3	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	69.7
580	400	Ells (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
274	71	Essex Furn	254	+3	...	1.6	43.6
273	203	Etam	254	-1	7.0	3.4	29.3
608	499	Fine Art Dev	519	-5	13.0	3.1	16.9
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	49	...	...	...	...
713	498	Formlnster	710	+2	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	24	French Conn	149	-1	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	66	...	...	4.0	20.5
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	86	...	0.3	0.4	...
659	334	GUS	609	+7	...	2.4	18.8
40	21	Hampden Grp	25	...	...	3.0	12.4
277	30	Hanstone	79	...	...	...	...
37½	30	Helene Plc	29	-½	2.0	8.7	13.7
110	39	Heritage	92	...	...	...	...
87	35	Honeysuckle	86	...	...	3.3	12.6
211	63	Jacques Vert	195	...	...	2.3	14.8
783	496	Kingfisher	634	-3	...	2.7	21.8
88	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	87	+3	4.0	5.9	∞
685	495	Liberty	543	-3	7.2	1.7	63.9
380	341	Lloyds Chem	347	+10	...	2.6	12.2
184	120	MFI	179	-3	...	2.7	...
461½	311	Marks Spencer	432½	-6½	...	2.4	22.1
680	445	Menzies (John)	670	...	...	2.1	17.4
297	135	Moss Bros	287	...	5.5	2.4	33.7
251	139½	Next	226	+2	3.5	1.9	27.0
46	15	Oliver (G)	45	...	...	...	...
335	197	Oriflame Intl	315	...	...	3.9	15.4
65	24	Pentos	36	+2	0.8	2.8	7.5
313	185	QS Hldgs	268	...	5.1	2.4	19.1
69½	20½	Rhino Grp	41	+2	...	...	...
305	120	Rosebys	204	...	...	3.0	24.5
161	135	Sherwood Gp	177	...	...	1.9	15.6
132	93	Sears	121	-1½	...	3.6	48.7
41½	11	Signet Group	37½	+1	...	...	...
545	400	Smith WH 'A'	497½	-1½	...	3.7	16.0
127	83	-do- B	116½	+½	...	3.2	18.8
21	4½	Specialeyes	13	...	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	231	+4	...	2.6	23.4
198	146	T & S Stores	180	...	6.0	4.2	13.4
173	71	The Rack	160	...	1.0	0.8	26.2
265	160	Time Products	257	...	7.7	3.8	22.2
131	63	Usher (Frank)	125	...	6.0	6.0	10.5
465	302	Vendome	436	...	...	1.8	20.3
45	22	Vivat	36	+1	1.0	3.5	11.1
87	42	WEW Group	59	...	...	2.9	43.5
49	34	Wensum	48	...	1.8	4.9	...
129	76	Wickes	121	...	...	0.2	55.0
89	45	Wld of Leather	90	...	...	...	...
195	142	Wyevale	190	...	...	2.8	25.1
4	2	Xtra-vision	2	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	183	+1	...	3.4	18.4
275	223	Acal	265	...	...	3.0	19.1
493	385	Admiral	492	...	5.7	1.4	20.8
188	104	Alba	186	...	...	3.3	21.0
50	19½	Alphameric	39	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	39	...	...	1.6	...
128	61	App Holo	95	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	36	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	35½	Astec	94½	...	...	0.3	...
271	230	Azlan	266	...	...	1.4	31.7
293	224	Bemies Hunter	278	...	...	4.3	17.2
9	2	Bennett & Fountn	3½	...	...	...	...
478	319	BICC	455	+2	19.2	5.3	...
558	408	Blick	530	...	...	2.4	19.3
1700	925	Borland	937½	...	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	366	-1	...	2.4	24.3
499½	376	BT	456	+4	...	4.4	22.0
372½	310	BT P/P	377½	+4½	...	4.4	21.6
21	9½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17	...	0.1	0.7	...
160	48	Burnfield	72	...	5.7	10.0	11.4
545	334½	Cable Wireless	483	-6	...	2.0	25.2
33	11½	Chloride	32½	...	...	...	...
276	229	CML Micro	270	...	4.7	2.2	19.6
137	74	Comper People	135	...	...	...	...
202	108½	Cray Elect	196½	...	...	1.1	19.1
447	243	Critchley	444	...	...	1.4	25.6
560	414	Delta	533	+11	...	3.3	22.3
580	395	Denmans El	578	...	...	1.4	18.6
620	395	Domino	510	...	7.9	1.9	∞
77	48	Dowding Mills	73	...	...	4.3	31.3
1633	865	Druck	1633	...	10.3	0.8	32.8
589	358	Electrocomponts	539	...	...	1.9	30.3
710	470	El Data Prc	575	...	...	1.2	16.3
175	43	Electron House	160	+3	...	2.1	22.9
35	10½	Emess	32	-½	0.1	0.4	...
774	442	Eurotherm	749	-5	...	1.6	25.5
211	108	FKI	194½	+1½	...	2.1	28.5
656	340	Farnell Elect	597	+5	...	1.4	31.6
91	33	Feedback	69	...	...	3.6	9.3
336	101	First Tech	325	+1	...	0.8	27.1
250	81	Forward Gp	230	+13	4.0	2.2	16.2
22½	13½	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	346	+2½	10.4	3.9	17.3
199	132	Graseby	185	...	...	7.4	38.9
14½	7½	Graystone	13½	...	...	...	...
57	35	Hilcare	42	...	0.5	1.5	...
193	118	Ind Control	181	...	...	3.0	18.2
388	320	Jones Stroud	368	...	...	3.1	14.8
126	26	Kalamazoo	125	...	2.7	2.7	29.0
13	8	Kembrey	14	...	0.1	1.4	...
396	260	Kenwood App	388	...	...	2.5	21.8
298	47	Kewill Sys	285	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	143	...	6.0	5.2	17.0
60	16	Laser-Scan	28	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
300	205	Lec Refrig	293	...	9.0	3.8	...
179	120	Life Sciences	156	-1	3.7	3.0	16.9
313	164	Logica	309	-1	...	1.6	35.6
55	44	LPA Ind	47	...	...	6.5	...
259	162	MR Data Mngmt	214	...	...	3.0	20.1
723	523	Macro 4	718	...	...	3.1	21.8
281	175½	Memrtr-Swa	272	...	...	2.1	20.1
3013	903	Micro Focus	990	...	...	...	9.1
227	144	Microgen	168	...	7.2	5.4	∞
38	23½	Microvitec	36	...	...	...	...
599	357	Misys	556	-2	...	1.7	30.3
584	98	Mitel	407	-8	...	...	...
171	108	MMT Compu	161	...	...	3.1	21.9
26	16	Molynx	23	...	1.3	7.1	...
272	202	MTL Instr	265	...	3.7	1.7	20.0
165	103	Multitone Elec	141	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
148	58	Murray Ent	143	+6	...	1.7	∞
3206¼	2540¼	NYNEX	2540¼	-43¼	...	...	...
188	121	Neotronics	121	...	...	2.7	21.1
66	42	Newmark (L)	55	...	...	...	...
339	58	Norbain	338	...	...	0.4	26.0
60	20	Northumber	61	...	0.6	1.2	...
15	5	Oceonics	8	...	...	...	...
357	195	Oxford Inst	357	+2	4.6	1.6	24.6
87	29	P & P	84	+3	2.0	3.1	∞
98	55	Peek	95	...	5.4	4.5	24.9
335	115	Pegasus	230	...	...	3.5	59.0
£104½	9000	Philips Fin 4%	£104½	...	...	5.5	...
1670½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1662½	+34½	...	...	...
415	211	Phonelink	415	+5	...	...	...
330	171½	Pifco	330	...	...	1.6	27.7
330	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	330	...	...	1.6	26.8
96	63	Plasmec	70	...	3.0	5.4	5.9
121	76	Pressac	120	...	...	2.7	25.4
261	81	Psion	258	...	2.5	1.2	68.5
261	147	Racal Elect	222	+9	4.2	2.4	13.2
70	33	Radamec	50	...	...	3.8	10.7
70	24	Radius	35	...	2.2	8.0	12.1
114	61	Real Time	108	+1	...	3.5	22.2
629	367	Sage Gp	568	...	...	2.2	17.4
350	222	Sanderson Elec	350	+5	9.9	3.5	14.9
89	49	Scantronic	87	...	3.1	4.6	25.8
219	117	Scholes Grp	208	...	...	3.0	26.9
375	270	Sema Gp	361	+5	2.9	1.0	29.3
275	235	Servomex	265	...	5.9	2.8	20.0
49	26	Silvermines	45	...	...	2.8	...
94	77	Soundtracks	97	...	2.4	3.5	∞
2721½	1737½	TDK	2662½	-34½	...	1.2	30.3
27	4½	TDS Circuits	15	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	143	-3	0.6	0.7	23.6
292	178	Telspec	283	...	...	1.1	35.6
1153	809	THORN EMI	1131	-26	...	3.5	26.2
166	96	Thorpe FW	163	...	...	3.0	19.0
103	23	Total Systems	35	-1	1.5	5.4	6.2
303	186	Tunstall	299	...	...	1.5	∞
324	164	Unitech	316	...	...	2.5	53.4
16	6	Verity	15	...	...	...	...
35	22	Vistec	28½	...	0.3	1.6	16.3
637	367	Vodafone	623	+1	...	1.5	27.1
483	368	Volex	473	-1	18.1	4.8	19.4
26	11	Western Selectn	25	...	0.2	1.4	...
315	223	Wholesale Ftg	310	...	11.7	4.6	32.6

ELECTRICITY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	389	East Midlands	667	+5	...	3.9	11.8
725½	399	Eastern Elec	685	+2	...	3.7	13.1
480½	304	Hydro-Elec	432	+10	...	3.4	15.2
733½	404	London Elec	673	+1	...	4.0	12.7
850	458	Manweb	779	+9	...	3.5	9.7
797	424½	Midlands Elec	695	+10	...	3.9	10.8
510	273	National Pwr	499	...	...	2.8	12.4
801	440	Northern Elec	720	-6	...	3.9	9.4
395	195	Nthn Ireland	293	+5	...	3.0	13.8
806	439	Norweb	743	+12	20.8	3.5	10.6
577	273	PowerGen	566	+6	...	2.5	14.9
497	285	Scottish Power	445	-12	...	3.2	16.5
435	218	Seeboard	381	-1	...	3.4	11.9
825	469	Sth Wales	751	-8	...	3.9	11.5
743	426	Sth Western	682	-4	...	3.9	10.1
745½	406	Southern Elec	686	-1	...	3.8	9.1
729½	455	Yorkshire Elec	666	-3	...	4.0	12.5

FINANCE, LAND

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
165	47	BWD	157	...	3.4	2.7	24.5
118	26	Baltic Plc	108	...	...	1.2	...
757	413	Caledonia	735	-7	...	2.6	23.3
2025	1075	Camellia	2025	+25	...	1.9	7.6
363	243	Candover	353	+3	10.4	3.7	...
220	166	Gartmore	215	+4	...	2.3	26.6
465	155	Govett	465	+13	...	3.3	13.6
250	125	Ivory Sime	231	+2	...	3.8	20.0
428	150	Johnson Fry	390	...	...	...	...
245	154	Lon Forfaitng	240	...	8.7	4.5	17.5
87	47	Manakin	84	...	...	...	...
25½	3½	Nat Home Loan	21½	...	...	...	0.5
56	40	Newmarket	58	...	...	...	...
365	246	Rathbone Brs	360	...	6.5	2.3	21.9
28½	17	Rutland Tst	28½	...	...	3.8	15.7
400	253	S & U	374	...	10.2	3.4	13.9
114	48	Singer & Fried	108	...	...	3.5	...
1163	713	Sothebys	1133	...	...	1.4	...
188	113	SIP Capital	179	...	3.0	2.1	73.8
224	183	Towry Law	221	...	...	2.6	21.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556¼	1487½	Amer Express	2075	-25	...	...	...
1208	635	Henderson Ad	1155	-15	...	4.5	26.6
251½	92	Invesco	224	+2½	...	1.7	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	297	-11½	...	2.8	12.0
323	154	MAI	296	+1	...	2.9	18.7
770	389	MAM	713	+9	16.0	2.8	17.8
1243	633	M & G	1175	...	...	2.7	24.6
496	109	Smith New Crt	468	...	...	1.9	4.6
91	45	Trio Hldgs	62	...	2.5	5.0	∞

FOODS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
587	456	AB Food	556	+6	...	3.4	11.5
77½	49½	ASDA Group	58½	+1½	1.6	3.5	...
368	170	Acatos & Hutch	366	...	...	2.8	13.3
80	55	Albert Fisher	68	-2	...	6.9	15.1
407	246	Argyll	262	+6	...	5.5	9.4
270	160	Banks (S C)	260	-3	9.0	4.3	9.9
402	305	Barr (AG)	349	...	6.5	2.3	∞
85	56	Bensons Crisps	66	...	...	5.5	14.6
481	357	Booker	453	+4	...	6.0	39.3
52	35	Borthwick	48½	-½	...	3.1	60.2
505	430	Brake Bros	488	...	6.3	1.6	32.3
51	37	Budgen	41	...	...	4.0	12.4
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	527	+8	...	3.2	18.6
222	79	Carrs Milling	185	...	...	2.9	13.5
196	133	Cranswick	148	+3	...	6.8	14.0
22	9½	Cullens	16½	...	0.5	3.8	47.4
384	119	Dalepak	120	...	...	5.2	35.0
543	424	Dalgety	483	+9	...	5.4	13.9
57	27	Daniels S	57	...	...	0.5	...
304	191	Devro	282	...	...	2.4	26.8
134	94	Everest	94	...	...	4.9	17.1
391	269	Farepak	384	...	5.9	1.9	23.6
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	77	-1	...	6.7	25.6
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.8	∞
483	256	Geest	292	-3	8.1	3.5	13.2
20½	7	Global	18	...	0.5	3.5	28.0
68	43	Grand Central	58	...	0.8	1.7	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	180	...	...	5.1	9.0
196½	131	Hillsdown	179	+2	8.8	6.1	14.0
250	146	Iceland Group	169½	-½	...	2.6	10.7
131	92	JLI Group	108	...	...	5.4	12.0
853	542	Kwik Save	603	+13	...	3.8	10.9
262	144	Low (Wm)	172	...	...	6.1	6.0
96	41	Matthews (B)	95	...	2.3	3.1	62.2
19½	11	Merchant Retail	16½	...	0.9	7.2	33.8
174	84	Morrison (W)	107	...	...	1.0	13.9
346	177	Nichols (JN)	246	...	5.5	2.8	17.8
291	207½	Nthn Foods	237	+2	...	4.5	11.6
20½	8	Nnhmbrn Fds	13	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	215	...	...	3.6	11.9
310	205	Park Foods	305	...	...	2.7	23.5
115	58	Perkins Food	77	...	...	7.2	8.8
134	47	PizzaExpress	133	+2	...	0.5	28.1
9	1½	Regina Hlth	4	...	...	...	...
584	348	Sainsbury J	384	+7	...	3.4	13.5
86	33	Senty Farms	85	...	1.5	2.2	15.2
225	90	Sims Food	121	...	...	6.7	23.3
467½	355½	Tate & Lyle	441	+4	...	3.7	11.9
273	176	Tesco	232½	+3½	...	3.9	10.6
211	123	Thorntons	196	...	...	2.3	...
229	101	Treats	208	-1	...	2.4	16.7
434½	300	Unigate	392	+5	...	5.2	12.9
437	326	Utd Biscuits	357	+12	...	5.4	22.1
24½	18½	Usborne	19	-½	...	3.5	14.0
415	248	Watson & Phil	414	+9	...	4.3	17.3
59	30½	West Trust	46	...	...	7.3	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk Hse	26	...	...	...	...
91	77	City Centre Rest	91	...	1.5	2.2	22.0
255	170	Forte	239	...	...	3.6	20.3
215	148	Friendly Hotels	203	...	...	3.5	39.5
11½	5	Harmony Props	10½	...	...	...	...
168½	87	Jurys Hotel	156	...	...	4.1	12.6
227½	142	Ladbroke	207	-1	11.1	6.7	17.7
109½	59	Mandarin Orntl	104½	-2½	...	3.2	26.0
55	28	Resort Hotels	45	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
31	11½	Ryan Hotels E	29	...	...	4.3	...
1099½	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1075	...	7.0	0.8	...
92½	34½	Stakis	90	+½	1.0	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	44	...	...	25.0	2.7
616	455	AAH	514	+2	...	4.3	17.1
145	123	AIM	138	-3	...	5.2	22.3
138	86	APV	133	+3	...	5.1	...
238	81	ASW	192	...	...	3.9	...
302	119	Adwest	200	...	...	4.5	19.2
29	10	Aerospace Eng	20	...	...	4.7	...
311	249	Airsprung	311	+1	...	1.9	19.9
211	113	Alendra W	209	...	4.1	2.5	33.1
13½	6½	Allied Radio	11½	+½	...	...	...
318	207½	Alumasc	318	...	...	2.3	18.7
75	37	Alvis	67	+9	...	1.9	12.1
745	345	Amber Ind	745	...	...	3.2	17.1
68	45	Amberley Gp	62	+1	1.0	2.0	...
107	75	Anagen	78	...	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	85	...	...	4.4	...
1785	703	Antofagasta	1575	+100	...	...	29.1
62	37	Armour	58½	...	...	1.2	13.5
175	143	Ash & Lacy	175	...	6.4	4.6	17.9
6	2½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.3	62.1
597	434	Avon Rubber	597	+7	...	3.5	21.0
300	168	Assoc Nursg	300	...	...	0.4	18.4
687½	458	Atlas Equip	508	...	...	5.4	12.8
86	[illegible]	Ayrshire Metal	78	...	...	...	...
224	147	BBA	230	+3	...	4.3	18.7
122	28	BLP Group	122	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	41½	...	...	1.9	...
770	590	BOC	695	+15	...	4.2	27.3
86½	50	BSG	84½	+1	...	4.7	29.4
578	353	BSS Group	546	...	...	3.9	30.5
409½	318	BTR	383	+2	...	3.6	21.4
221	147	BWI	175	...	...	4.8	16.2
30	25½	Babcock	38½	...	...	3.6	22.8
[illegible]	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
289	228	Baird (Wm)	260	-5	8.9	4.3	18.0
531½	400	Barlow	406½	-6½	...	8.0	7.4
81	48	Baynes (Charles)	79	...	...	2.3	32.3
28½	14	Bearing Power	23½	+2	...	4.0	14.9
26½	3½	Beaufort	3½	...	...	...	...
35	15	Bedford (W)	35	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16	-1½	...	2.4	12.0
707	285	Bespak	390	+2	10.2	3.3	12.2
133	55	Bibby (J)	120	...	...	...	...
312	129	Billam (J)	213	...	5.3	3.1	10.7
41	21½	Bilston Btrsea	29	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	9½	...	...	...	...
268	118½	Birkby	265	...	3.7	1.8	13.8
45	29	Black Arrow	36	...	2.1	7.3	11.3
283	136	Black (Peter)	281	...	3.8	1.7	22.4
763	129	Bluebird Toys	733	-7	4.5	0.6	22.3
329	230	Bodycote	321	+3	...	2.0	20.5
40	23	Bogod 'A'	38	...	0.7	2.3	14.2
609	416	Boots	543	+7	...	3.2	21.4
61	39	Booth Inds	46	...	...	...	...
524	402	Bowater	484	+4	...	3.1	20.2
1681½	1187½	Bowater Inc	1584½	-25	...	...	...
297	199	Boxmore Intl	291	...	4.0	1.7	∞
20	12½	Brasway	18	...	...	3.5	...
331	204	Brammer	331	...	13.0	4.9	24.6
31	12	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	...	...
163	64	Bridon	158	...	...	3.2	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	...	3.9	...
57½	31	Brierley Inv	54½	-1½	...	6.2	13.5
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	...	4.3	19.8
124	42	Br Bloodstock	107	...	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	511	...	...	2.5	18.3
147½	54	Br Steel	145½	+1	...	1.3	...
195	115	Br Thornton	164	...	...	3.8	17.0
298	215	Br Vita	294	+3	7.3	3.2	17.5
19½	5½	Britton Grp	18½	...	...	1.2	...
931½	555	Broken Hill	885½	+1½	...	2.1	40.1
125	79	Bromsgrve Ind	116½	-½	...	4.7	15.2
15	6½	Brooke Tool	14½	...	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	56	...	...	...	...
186	91	Bullough	171	...	6.0	4.4	∞
24	11½	Business Tech	19½	...	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	22	...	0.5	3.3	21.1
49	11	Campbell & Arm	46	+2	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	33	...	...	...	...
273	205	Cape	273	...	...	4.8	18.5
435	254	Carodon	435	+8	...	2.6	34.2
215½	128	-do- pf	202½	+3	7.2	4.5	...
293	179	Carclo Eng	279	...	...	2.6	20.7
2587½	2025	Carnaud Mtl	2309½	-21½	...	2.7	∞
104	68	Cassidy Bros	92	...	...	3.3	22.3
251	158	Castings	251	...	4.6	2.3	17.7
71	53	Cathay Intl	61	+2	...	...	...
250	213	Celltech	227	+1	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	190	...	6.5	4.3	11.9
812	605	Charter	777	+3	...	3.5	11.9
360	220	Chemring	350	...	...	3.2	16.1
92	45	Chieftain Gp	58	...	4.5	9.7	12.4
45½	19½	Chillington	40	...	1.0	3.2	...
246	144	Christies Int	241	...	...	0.8	59.9
80	34	Clayhithe	67	...	...	4.7	...
150	55	Clayton Son	113	-3	...	...	...
455	295	Cohen (A)	453	...	3.4	0.9	...
298	179	Community H	284	+2	...	3.0	19.3
263	186½	Concentric	260	...	...	2.8	21.6
310	120	Cook (Wm)	309	+2	6.0	2.4	16.7
273	182	Cookson	263	+5	...	3.9	34.8
95	38	Copymore	91	...	...	1.4	27.8
238	130	Crwell Pkr 'A'	166	...	...	4.3	22.3
179	92	Cosalt	140	-3	...	4.8	...
285	150	Creighton Nts	285	-10	7.4	3.2	32.4
39	27	CrestaCare	39	...	0.6	2.1	33.7
4075	2997½	Daini	4031½	+19½	...	...	...
388	79½	Danka Bs Sys	374	-5	...	0.5	39.5
396	193	David Brown	295	...	...	2.5	31.9
960	632	De La Rue	966	+12	...	2.5	23.2
41	16	Dinkie Heel	40	...	1.1	3.4	31.9
628	391	Diploma	623	-2	...	2.4	25.0
97	50	Dobson Park	95	...	...	1.9	21.6
134	92	Dyson (J&J)	130	...	5.0	4.8	23.9
97	57	-do- 'A'	95	...	5.0	6.7	17.1
10½	8	EFG	16	...	...	...	...
440	358	EIS	437	+3	...	3.5	17.3
28	19	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
53	10	Eleco	37	...	...	...	...
3496½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	3415½	+81½	...	1.5	∞
90	43	Elliott (B)	88	...	...	...	...
548	394	Eng China Cl	513	+6	...	4.9	29.9
146	111	Environmed	139	...	...	...	...
3462½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3012½	+119½	...	1.0	...
86	32	Eurocopy	77	...	...	3.8	22.7
87	47	Expamet	70	...	...	4.3	1.7
778	499	Fairey Group	769	-1	10.7	1.7	23.7
141	47	Fenner	140	...	...	...	...
100	32	Ferraris Group	100	+7	...	2.5	14.8
29	9	Ferrum	9	-1	1.4	19.4	6.3
66	28	Fife Indmar	65	...	...	5.3	...
251	102	Fisons	133	+4	...	8.2	12.3
60	29	Fitzwilton	55	...	...	8.0	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.4	13.1
51	37	Folkes Group nv	46	...	1.5	4.1	28.1
126	56	French (Thomas)	125	...	3.6	3.6	∞
264	162	Frost Group	253	-2	...	2.2	32.8
88	70	GEI Int	81	...	...	3.8	...
615	434	GKN	560	...	...	4.6	37.4
69	42	GR Hldgs	64	...	...	3.5	...
134	79	Garton Eng	125	+2	4.1	4.1	...
191	103	Gestetner	188	-1	3.0	2.0	∞
68	23	Glevis	62	...	...	...	44.9
801	509	Glaxo	675	+10	...	4.1	17.7
44½	16	Glenchewton	41	...	...	...	...
394½	245	Glynwed	368	-3	11.6	4.0	34.7
182	66	Goode Durrant	182	...	...	3.7	...
185	102	Grampian Hld	178	...	5.5	3.9	30.9
504	341	Granada	534	...	...	1.9	23.1
485	301	Great Shrm	485	+2	11.4	2.9	19.9
117	73	Green (Ernst)	81	...	...	10.8	12.3
19½	8½	Greenacres	13½	...	...	2.8	13.4
17	5	Guardian Grp	6	...	...	...	...
33	30½	Hadlen Madn	71	-½	...	3.2	28.5
102	44	Hadleigh Inds	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
320	115	Hall Eng	319	...	8.6	3.4	26.6
256	161	Halma	246	+1	...	1.1	30.8
71	30	Hampson Ind	67	...	1.7	3.2	22.1
302	222	Hanson	287½	+4	...	5.0	26.4
221	146	Harris (Philip)	154	...	...	3.6	9.3
230	149	Harris Cysfld	206	+5	9.0	5.5	29.7
171	38	Havelock Euro	152	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	47	...	...	...	...
50	17	Headway	44	...	...	2.0	...
13½	1½	Healthcare	1½	...	...	...	0.5
511	301	Hepworth	500	+5	14.8	3.7	21.5
228	154	Hewitt (J)	185	...	3.2	2.2	14.5
73	15	High-Point	73	+3	0.5	0.9	...
203	112½	Hill & Smith	185	...	6.2	4.2	∞
28	6½	Hobson	27	...	...	...	...
191	87	Holders Tech	191	...	6.0	3.9	24.0
63	30	Hopkinsons	56	...	0.9	2.0	42.4
216	133	Hornby	215	...	9.0	5.2	20.3
103	54½	Howden	101	+1½	...	2.8	16.0
280	246	Hozelock	272	-2	...	2.8	19.3
265	173	Hunting	257	-1	...	4.9	21.7
513	269½	Huntleigh Tech	493	...	...	1.0	32.7
379	247	IMI	349	-1	...	3.6	31.0
135	90	ISA Intl	133	+1	1.5	1.5	20.7
205	131	Intercare Gp	146	...	...	3.0	14.0
300	235	Isoma	300	...	4.3	1.8	17.4
710	360	Jardine Math	640½	-25	...	2.0	23.2
610	425	Johnson Matth	592	+7	...	2.2	23.1
64	39½	Johnson & FB	46	-½	...	3.7	43.8
177	104	Johnston	163	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	30	...	...	...	...
36	18	Jourdan (T)	35	...	0.7	2.7	...
187½	73	Kalon	185	...	...	2.4	25.7
297	195	Kelsey Ind	261	+6	8.0	3.8	∞
805	465	Kerchaw (A)	790	...	...	4.4	39.7
276	75	Kleeneze	259	...	...	0.5	...
422	266	Laird	420	...	...	3.1	20.7
170	103	Lilleshall	170	...	...	3.2	22.4
225	97	Lincat	225	+2	...	3.3	15.9
51	45	Lincoln Hse	44	...	...	...	36.2
131	76	Linread	123	...	3.8	3.9	19.0
355	170	Linton Park	350	...	...	5.0	12.6
19½	9½	Lionheart	12½	...	0.2	2.0	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	19	...	0.8	5.6	27.6
274	97	Lon Intl	151	...	6.2	5.2	...
175½	70	Lonrho	164	+2½	...	3.0	45.1
410	269	Low & Bonar	400	...	...	2.9	56.0
49	14½	ML Hldgs	45	...	...	...	...
67	27	MS Intl	62	...	...	5.0	38.0
70	39	MY Holdings	62	-2	...	2.5	16.4
271	166	Macfarlane	255	...	...	1.7	28.9
539	379	Mckechnie	522	...	...	3.5	25.1
127	85	McLeod Russel	118	+1	...	6.5	17.4
106	63	Magnolia	101	...	0.1	0.1	18.2
147	71	Mang Bronze	147	+1	...	2.1	24.3
29½	19½	Marling	23½	-½	...	...	...
251	124	Mayborn	221	...	5.2	2.9	17.0
64	29	Mayflower	59	...	...	1.0	49.3
236	85	Medeva	167	+½	...	1.8	13.6
120	98	Meggitt	115½	-½	...	4.1	19.7
128	48	Metalr	127	...	...	3.7	20.8
154	112	Metrotect	128	...	...	3.2	17.8
116	70	Metsec	116	...	...	...	...
124	29	Midstates	116	+1	...	0.8	16.1
575	368	Molins	553	...	...	3.3	13.3
408	262	Morgan Crble	399	+1	...	1.9	20.9
205	134	Morris Ashby	202	...	5.7	3.5	15.3
48	18	Neepsend	48	...	1.0	2.6	64.4
80	34	Nestor-BNA	75	...	3.1	5.2	17.9
249	122	Nobo Gp	249	+5	5.3	2.7	24.6
212½	122½	Norcros	195	+1	...	4.5	28.5
51	32	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
413	310	Nu-Swift	398	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	55	+6	...	...	...
64	21	OMI Intl	59	...	...	3.7	...
173	123	PCT	173	+5	7.2	5.2	19.6
91	36	Pacer Systems	80	...	...	5.4	...
43	31	Pascoe's	36	...	...	...	...
138	87½	Pentland	112	...	...	2.9	15.2
396	280	Photo-Me	395	...	4.7	2.0	17.7
204	97½	Pilkington	196	+1½	...	1.6	...
108	64	Plastiblock	108	...	3.1	3.6	17.0
195	125	Polypipe	179	+1	2.1	1.5	24.1
42	15	Porter Chadbrn	24	+2	...	2.1	11.0
376	272	Powerscreen	316	-2	...	2.7	16.4
22½	16½	Prospect Inds	22½	...	...	4.6	12.8
37½	33½	RFS Group	77	...	2.3	3.7	17.0
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil	172	-2	1.0	0.7	57.6
1101	636	Rank Org	1088	+12	...	3.6	23.6
35	13	Ransomes	23	...	...	...	...
725	522	Reckitt Colm	692	+12	...	3.0	15.9
85	50	Record	83	...	3.6	5.4	40.8
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
296	131	Relyon	286	...	5.0	2.2	34.3
328	208	Renishaw	306	...	...	2.7	36.4
138	55	Renold	137	...	...	1.6	...
2073	1240	Reuters	2073	+40	...	1.6	28.6
87	24½	Rexmore	84	...	2.0	3.1	...
201	91	Ricardo Group	189	...	...	3.8	26.8
76	58	Richard (Leics)	70	...	3.7	6.7	...
106	63	Richardson West	106	...	3.0	3.6	27.2
149	109	Ropner	148	+2	8.2	7.0	21.0
144	97	-do- 'A'	144	+2	8.2	7.2	20.4
36	14	Ross Gp	18½	...	0.6	4.4	7.6
195	131½	Rotork	191	-3	...	2.4	22.3
190	99	Rubicon	163	...	...	3.5	20.6
75	43	Russell (A)	71	-1	...	0.9	...
38	15	SEP Indl	37	...	0.8	2.7	∞
1312½	625	SKF 'B'	1271½	+50	...	...	...
272	205	Scapa	257	-3	...	2.8	19.2
238	179	Scholl	205	...	...	3.8	14.9
323	254	Scotia	355	...	...	...	...
1391	917	Securicor	1373	...	...	0.3	36.1
1036	562	-do- 'A'	1015	...	...	0.4	28.8
992	465	Security Serv	963	...	5.6	0.8	∞
154½	77	Senior Eng	148	...	...	2.7	24.7
361	278	Seton Health	326	...	...	2.3	19.4
166	88	Shiloh	150	...	3.0	2.5	16.2
344	271	Sidlaw	331	...	...	4.0	16.4
600	427	Siebe	585	+10	...	2.2	20.6
392	220	Silentnight	378	...	...	2.6	20.5
181	102	Sime Darby	155	...	...	3.2	16.7
142	82	Simon Eng	121	+1	...	...	...
254	190	Sinclair (Wm)	235	...	...	3.7	18.3
47	15	Six Hundred	45	-1	...	4.4	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	148½	+1½	...	4.0	16.5
513	377	SmithKline	412	+2	9.6	2.9	14.9
450	340	SmithKline Uts	379	+1	...	3.2	12.8
527½	330	Smiths Ind	477	+1	...	3.1	19.1
140	58	Slen Bos	97	...	...	4.8	5.0
565	265	Spandex	565	...	...	1.4	25.9
660	300	Spear (JW)	600	...	4.5	0.9	11.2
407	314	Spirax-Sarco	401	...	...	2.9	25.2
137½	41½	Spring Ram	80	+2	...	0.8	...
270	201	Staveley	251	...	...	4.2	14.2
242	126	Sterling Ind	242	...	...	3.0	31.1
220	97	Suter	219	+2	9.0	5.1	22.9
611	344	Swire Pacfc 'A'	511	-31½	...	1.8	∞
7	1	Sycamore	4	...	...	...	...
78	50	Sykes-Pick	50	...	3.0	7.7	9.6
178	120	Syltone	178	...	...	3.4	25.2
455	279	TI	413	...	...	3.3	28.2
44	12	TLS Range	38	...	0.2	0.8	...
375	211	TT Group	366	...	...	2.3	22.5
282	201	Takare	282	+4	...	0.8	24.6
868	618	Takeda Chem	816	-15½	...	0.8	15.5
68	24	Tex Hldgs	48	+2	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (R)	97	...	...	7.2	16.7
240	150	Titan	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
283	212½	Tomkins	274	+4	...	3.0	20.2
124	59	Trafalgar H	116	-1	...	3.5	...
156½	127½	Do 6pc Cv Pf	149½	-1½	6.0	5.1	...
116	61	Transfer Tech	101	...	3.2	4.0	12.7
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	155	+1	...	5.6	18.6
318	214	UniChem	303	...	6.4	2.6	19.8
435	279½	Unidare	435	...	...	2.9	∞
76	11½	Unigroup	36	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1224	+12	22.2	2.3	16.6
8118¼	6362¼	Unilever (NV)	7996¼	+50	...	2.6	13.2
24½	9	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	...	...
1093	513	VSEL	1090	...	...	3.5	11.8
31½	6½	Verson	26½	...	...	...	...
194	95½	Vickers	184	+4	...	1.5	...
367	243	Victaulic	318	...	...	3.1	15.7
522	283	Vinten	510	...	...	1.8	23.7
757	427	Vosper Thorny	757	+3	...	2.7	17.5
48	33	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	7.5	11.7
510	368	Wagon Ind	506	-1	...	4.3	22.4
8½	1½	Wakebourne	4½	...	...	...	26.6
114	71	Walker Greenbk	113	...	3.1	3.4	28.8
304	201	Wassall	282	+2	2.7	1.2	28.5
51	22	Watford Wdgwd	46	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	340	-3	...	2.2	19.2
993	604	Wellcome	660	+5	...	3.3	14.0
30	16	Wellman	27	+½	0.9	4.2	44.1
409	280	West Hldcare	392	...	...	1.2	25.1
548	455	Whatman	546	...	9.7	2.2	18.6
353	211	Whessoe	264	...	...	3.9	12.5
111	22	Whitecroft	109	+1	...	...	...
13½	4½	Widney	13	...	...	...	...
191	44	Wilkes (James)	176	-6	3.5	...	31.5
421	295½	Williams Hldg	398	+3	12.5	3.9	20.8
46½	17	Wilshaw	43	...	...	1.6	27.1
920	533	Wolseley	893	+15	...	1.9	26.7
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	45	...	...	1.4	...
96	38	Young (H)	87	...	...	4.7	...

INSURANCE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1999½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1425	+12½	...	4.7	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1875	+37½	...	4.1	...
86	30	Archer	68	-1	...	1.8	...
165	118	Bradstock	152	...	...	4.6	16.7
550	359½	Britannic	508	+2	...	2.9	...
117	96	CLM Insce	114	-1	...	...	...
711	536	Com Union	647	+5	...	4.7	...
1775	1225	Dom & Gen	1770	...	...	1.6	23.4
64	18	FAI	60	...	...	0.8	...
194	166	Fenchurch Grp	192	...	...	4.7	17.1
757	546	Gen Accident	681	-21	26.7	4.9	...
247	160	GRE	242	+6	7.1	3.7	20.1
457	293	Heath C E	426	...	...	4.7	...
228	122	Hogg Gp	143	+4	8.1	7.1	13.0
323	255	Independent Ins	294	+1½	...	3.5	27.0
215	162	JIB Group	184	...	...	5.1	18.9
547	408½	Legal & Gen	507	-1	...	4.8	30.8
1281½	768½	Liberty Life	1140½	-45½	...	2.8	18.1
121	89	LIMIT	110	...	...	...	...
471	403	Lloyds Abbey	418	+1	...	5.4	13.4
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	291	...	6.7	2.9	18.1
443	274	Londn & Man	420	+5	14.7	4.4	30.9
472	321	Lowndes Lmb	458	-1	14.0	3.8	16.5
6745½	5258½	Marsh McLn	5625	+75	...	3.2	...
188	139	Nelson Hurst	180	+1	...	3.9	18.0
130	76	Orion	115	...	...	5.4	...
83	50½	PWS	80	+1	...	6.2	14.8
385	282½	Prudential	349	+5	...	4.4	23.2
404	266½	Refuge	390	+4	...	3.4	43.5
350	248	Royal	327	+2	...	2.5	...
204	150	Sedgwick	184	...	...	4.1	22.7
261	100	Steel Burrill	116	...	...	12.9	6.9
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	85	...	...	4.4	72.2
418	307	Sun Alliance	394	+2	14.2	4.5	...
91	50	Trade Indemnty	91	...	...	...	...
464	239	Transatlantic	458	...	12.0	3.3	42.5
773	499	Utd Friendly	667	+5	15.1	2.8	28.1
245	171	Willis Corroon	209	-6	...	3.9	29.9
25	13½	Windsor	22	...	...	...	17.3

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1548	Alliance	1984	+11	45.5	2.9	...
161	124	BZW Conv	155	+1	7.8	6.3	...
219	133½	Bankers	207	+4	...	2.2	...
381	264	Baring Tribne	374	+1	6.6	2.2	∞
241	131	Berry Starq	241	+1	2.2	1.1	...
120½	96½	Br Assets	113	+1	...	4.7	...
98	57½	Br Empire Sec	94½	+1	...	1.2	...
46	14	-do- Wnts	40	+2½	...	...	...
234	156	Br Inv	228	...	4.6	2.5	...
272	174	Brunner	265	...	5.2	2.5	∞
221	130	Cont Asset	209	+2	3.0	1.8	∞
195	143	Derby Inc	150	...	...	13.1	∞
325	195	-do- Cap	305	+5	...	...	...
100	62	Drayton Blue	97	...	8.4	10.8	...
111	35	-do- Eng Intl	109	+1	1.0	1.1	...
156	84	-do- Far East	153	+3	0.6	0.6	∞
177	95	-do- Korea	175½	+8½	0.5	0.4	...
784	576	Dunedin Inc G	771	+6	...	4.2	...
106	76	-do- Japan	98	+1	...	...	...
80	34	-do- Warrants	65	+1½	...	...	...
827	513	-do- Wwde	800	+4	...	1.5	...
341	222	Dundee & Lon	332	+2	...	3.4	...
360	250½	Edinburgh	339	+3	8.5	3.1	...
354	183	Electra Inv	332	+2	...	2.6	...
220	141	Electric Gen	210	+2	3.1	1.9	...
127	85	English Scot	122	+1	...	...	...
345	205	European Asset	337	...	...	1.6	∞
172	77	Finsbury 'A'	166	...	3.0	2.1	...
343	248	Fleming Amer	327	+2	1.5	0.6	∞
145	91	Fleming Chinese	108	...	...	...	...
92	52	-do- Warrants	83	-1	...	...	...
287	190½	-do- Claver	246	...	5.5	2.8	∞
385	212	Do Contl	381	+1	2.7	0.9	...
284	147	-do- Entp	256	+1	...	2.3	...
459	213	-do- F East	383	-1	1.1	0.4	...
422	246	-do- Fledg	406	+2	3.0	0.9	∞
122	93	-do- Hi Inc	108½	+1½	...	5.1	...
273	136	-do- Japan	264	+4	...	0.2	...
347	250	-do- Merc	331	+2	6.7	2.5	...
347½	212	-do- Overs	335	+3	4.2	1.6	...
311	203	Foreign & Col	293	+1½	...	1.5	...
148	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	132	+2	0.2	0.3	...
77	44	-do- Enterprise	74	+½	0.4	0.7	...
259	164	-do- Eurotn	256½	+½	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	125	+2	0.5	0.5	...
374	191	-do- Pacific	346	+2	...	0.8	...
192	116	-do- Smaller	188	+½	1.8	1.2	...
303	145	GT Japan	279	+2	...	0.6	...
195	65	Genl Cons Cap	193	+7	...	...	...
127½	96½	-do- Inc	108	+1	8.7	10.1	∞
191	115	Govett Am Smlr	172	...	...	...	...
151	94	-do- Emg Mktr	140	+1	...	...	...
110	96	Govett High Inc	98	...	...	...	...
429	184	-do- Oriental	387	+2	0.9	0.3	...
346	207	-do- Strategy	327	+1	...	2.6	...
475	340	Greenfriar	470	...	6.6	1.8	∞
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
158	124	Inv Cap	152	...	...	4.2	...
119	77	IRS UK Smllr	113	...	2.8	3.1	...
243	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	228	-1	5.1	2.9	∞
272½	176	-do- O'seas	259	-3	3.4	1.7	∞
165	108	-do- Smlr	165	...	...	1.9	...
826	540	Law Debenture	774	+1	18.5	3.0	...
227	164	Majedie	224	...	...	2.8	...
324	221	Merchants	305	+1	...	4.5	...
3347½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2897½	+93½	...	...	...
595	381	Monks Inv Tst	564	+4	...	1.5	...
158	105	Morg Gren Inc	151	+4	...	3.7	...
64	23	Do Warrants	56	+3	...	...	...
148	58	Murray Ent	143	+6	...	1.7	∞
1290	£117½	-do- Pf 1994	1275	...	...	...	...
58	48	-do- Warrants	54	+6	...	...	...
67	39	Murray Euro	64½	+½	0.1	0.3	...
27½	4½	Do Wts	21	+½	...	...	...
393	282	Murray Incme	377	+6	10.9	3.6	...
385	265	-do- Intl	379	+5	11.6	3.8	...
548	283	-do- Small	535	+½	...	1.0	...
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	88	+1	...	15.1	...
174	73	-do- S/C Cap	158	+5	...	...	...
3400	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3400	...	...	3.9	...
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	157½	...	...	...	...
363	230	-do- Vent	338	+4	...	4.0	...
95	68	Nthrng Inc	92	...	6.7	9.2	...
404	249	O'seas Inv Tst	378	+3	...	1.0	...
647	285	Pacific Assets	504	-3	1.1	0.3	...
545	187	Do Warrants	406	-7	...	...	...
9350	7650	Personal Assets	9300	...	19.0	2.6	...
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	182	+1	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	120	...	9.2	9.6	...
465	350	Robeco	448	...	...	2.8	...
463	346	Rolinco	463	...	...	1.7	...
343	214	St Andrew Inv	343	+4	7.8	2.9	∞
183	131	Scot American	175	+2½	4.6	3.3	∞
371	136	Scott Asian	286	-6	...	...	...
1090	225	do Warrants	910	-10	...	...	...
97½	63½	-do- Eastern	92	+1½	1.5	2.1	...
262½	183	Scottish	248	+3	4.9	2.5	∞
264½	178	-do- Mige	247	+2½	4.0	2.0	...
137½	71	-do- Value	130½	+1	...	1.7	...
1795	1390	Second Allnce	1719	+8	...	2.9	...
106	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	100½	+1½	3.2	4.0	...
179	109½	Selective Asset	174	+1	1.4	1.1	∞
51½	14	Sphere Inv	49	+1½	3.4	8.7	∞
205	112	TR Far East	178	...	...	3.5	...
177½	126	TR City Of Lon	163½	+1½	...	3.7	...
249	110	TR Pacific	210½	+4½	0.3	0.2	∞
43½	17	TR Property	41	+½	0.9	2.7	...
152	47	TR Tech Inv	149½	+½	1.7	1.5	...
228	146	TR Smlr Cos	227½	+1½	...	2.1	...
412	283	Temple Bar	384	+3½	13.2	4.3	...
135	69	Throgm Asian E	125	+2	0.5	0.5	...
101	54	Throgmorton	98½	+½	2.3	2.9	...
533	363	Thrmg Dual Cp	538	+5	...	...	...
260	178	USDC Invest	257	+1	4.5	2.2	...
129	76½	Value Inc Tst	127	+½	4.0	3.9	...
257½	181	Witan	249½	+3	5.8	2.9	∞

LEISURE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
586½	269	Airtours	568	-3	...	2.0	19.4
64	41	Ald Leis	46	...	...	8.2	15.0
668	194	Anglia TV	651	+7	...	1.8	30.2
131	63	Baldwin	121	...	3.5	3.7	∞
289	182	Barr & W 'A'	288	...	10.0	4.3	18.6
1400	930	Boosey Hwks	1300	...	22.0	2.1	19.5
205	90	Border TV	200	+25	3.6	2.2	16.3
16½	4	Brent Walker	5	-½	...	...	...
150	48	Brtanl Scots	135	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	44	Campari	62	-6	8.7	17.6	...
479	171	Capital Radio	420	...	...	1.7	37.0
1047	530	Carlton Comm	970	-7	...	2.4	22.8
304	158	Castle Comms	294	-5	...	3.6	19.5
3130	1615	Central TV	3005	...	39.0	1.6	33.1
163	61	Chrysalis	143	...	3.2	2.8	...
748	470	Compass Gp	746	+4	...	2.1	20.8
350	175	Eurocamp	264	...	9.7	4.6	10.9
1180	268	Euro Disney	397½	-½	...	2.9	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
43½	18	Ex-Lands	40	...	...	1.1	...
419	245	Fabrina Boats	402	+32	...	3.3	37.8
378	232	First Leisure	334	...	...	2.5	22.3
478	403	Flemech	436	+10	0.5	0.1	...
1015	298	GWR Gp	1015	+5	9.0	1.1	∞
274	149	Grampian	270	+1	6.5	2.9	19.1
22	4½	Greenwich Comm	19	...	...	...	...
129	19	HTV Group	125	+2	...	...	55.5
88	30	Hi-Tec Sports	87	...	...	3.2	...
18½	5½	Kunick	17½	...	...	...	16.7
752	405	LWT Hldgs	736	-4	...	0.8	34.0
655	327	Man Utd	665	+15	...	3.7	26.4
48	7½	Northern	42	...	...	...	8.1
148	59	Owners Abrd	129	+1	3.5	3.4	∞
89	33	The Pelican Gp	86	...	1.1	1.6	20.2
183	55	Prism Leisure	181	...	3.5	2.4	16.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	37	+2	...	...	...
229	132	Ramsdens (H)	220	+2	4.5	2.6	∞
590	274	Radio Clyde	590	...	...	2.0	26.3
559	410	Scot TV	544	...	10.3	2.4	26.6
37	13½	SelecTV	34½	...	...	...	...
114	37	Southern Radio	102	...	...	1.5	45.2
322	164	Stanley Leisure	320	+1	...	2.1	25.9
145	115	Sunset & Vine	142	...	3.5	3.1	21.7
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
7½	1	Ticketing	2	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	92	+7	...	2.7	4.8
150	44	Trans World	148	-2	0.8	0.7	54.0
713	274	Ulster TV	712	...	12.0	2.1	21.8
138	62	Vardon	136	...	1.1	1.0	∞
375	110	Yorkshire TV	336	-28	3.3	1.2	...
125	83	Zetters Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	1125	Ang Am	2806½	+43½	...	2.5	23.8
1867½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1800	-12½	...	5.1	9.3
6518¼	1800	Ang Am Gold	5303½	+98½	...	4.2	23.8
33½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	29½	+½	...	...	...
405	115	Bakyrchik	340	+5	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	117½	+1½	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	30½	...	...	28.9	5.4
996	233	Buffels	694½	-11½	...	9.3	6.2
6	1	Bute	4½	+½	...	...	...
930½	546	CRA	890	+½	...	2.3	28.5
51	11	Cluff Res	51	...	...	...	...
1750	762½	De Beers	1600	-12½	...	3.1	21.7
165	37½	Deelkraal	108½	+6½	...	1.8	7.9
96	7	Doornfontein	44½	...	...	...	...
914	388	Driefontein	770½	+9½	...	4.3	12.7
788	120	Durban	595½	...	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	120½	+5	...	9.1	3.6
175	35	E Rand Prop	89½	...	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	357½	...	...	5.5	∞
1239	292	FS Cons	910½	+13	...	7.1	11.7
80	8	FS Dev	37	-4	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1306½	...	...	3.0	22.0
150	62½	Gencor	122½	...	...	7.3	13.7
80½	35½	Gld Kalgoorli	73	-1½	...	1.9	29.9
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	+½	...	...	...
202	49	Grootvlei	118½	+13	...	8.4	7.5
416	78	Harmony	382½	+8½	...	...	...
430	87	Harties	354	...	...	8.0	8.8
21½	8½	Incco	18½	-½	...	...	∞
1028½	490½	Impala Plat	837½	+3½	...	3.4	22.0
16½	6	Kenmare Res	13½	...	...	...	...
1315½	331½	Kinross	968½	...	...	6.4	10.8
913	319	Kloof	662½	-7	...	3.8	7.7
137	25	Leslie	83½	...	...	13.5	4.5
350	13	Loraine	217½	...	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	887½	...	...	2.4	...
149	80	MIM	142	-½	...	1.6	61.7
1512	820	Minorco	1275	+8	...	3.0	15.0
201½	91	Nth Brkn Hll	183½	+9½	...	1.3	28.2
4587½	612½	Orange Free	2287½	+8½	...	5.5	13.5
899	607	RTZ	858	+8	...	2.8	24.2
225	106½	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.0	7.1
801½	190	Randfontein	593	+6	...	6.9	5.9
295	115	Renison	252	+7	...	1.8	26.1
1346½	890	Rustnburg	1118½	...	...	2.9	25.5
756	191	St Helena	584½	+6	...	7.2	12.3
2887½	475	Southvaal	1718½	+128½	...	5.4	∞
119	18	Stilfontein	80½	...	...	25.7	15.0
201	58	Unisel	114½	...	...	3.9	10.9
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	5828½	-109½	...	4.6	∞
813	154	Welkom	591½	...	...	5.7	13.2
640	26	Western Areas	534½	...	...	4.9	3.7
3362½	587½	Western Deep	2440½	+15½	...	4.5	∞
398	176	Wstrn Mining	367½	+13½	...	1.4	...
1225	321½	Winkels	756½	...	...	6.1	7.3
84	49	Zambia Copper	64	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	53	...	...	8.8	17.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	253	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	113	...	3.0	3.3	10.9
175	78	Appleyard	166	...	...	3.9	...
380	201	Bletchley Mtr	379	...	...	3.0	19.3
231	120	Bostrom	230	...	6.0	3.3	40.7
584	166	Br Aerospace	531	-9	7.3	1.7	...
58	19½	Burndene	52	...	...	4.2	14.0
465	303	Caffyns	450	...	11.5	3.2	23.8
22	4½	Caverdale	20½	+½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	130	...	4.0	3.9	∞
43	18	Cook (DC)	40	...	0.9	2.8	22.7
348	156	Cowie (T)	325	-3	6.6	2.5	24.7
190	86	Dag Motors	190	+1	5.7	3.8	34.3
157	102½	Davnprt Vern	155	...	4.2	3.4	∞
330	155	ERF	326	...	2.0	0.8	...
173	92	European Mtr	170	...	...	2.7	23.9
504	208	Evans Halshaw	502	...	11.4	2.8	77.5
305	211	FR Group	305	+12	...	3.0	14.2
4718½	2847½	Ford Motor	4493½	+18½	...	...	...
4387½	2143½	General Mtr	4187½	+6½	...	1.3	...
90	38	Gowrings	87	...	2.0	2.9	...
343	85	Henlys	341	+1	3.5	1.3	...
1087½	769	Honda Motor	1032	+25	...	0.9	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	43	...	...	...	...
116	66	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	...
184	97	Kwik-Fit	170	-4	...	2.6	24.0
573	281	Lex Service	531	-7	...	2.7	28.0
272	85	Lookers	272	...	...	3.0	26.1
239	126	Lucas	223	+2	...	3.9	...
29½	21	Malaya Grp	28½	...	...	...	...
305	224½	Pendragon	305	...	...	2.6	25.1
238	101½	Perry Gp	234	...	...	3.8	...
216	108	Quicks Group	216	...	...	2.7	27.6
188	96½	Rolls-Royce	180	...	...	3.5	...
299	164	T & N	239	...	...	5.7	34.0
299	163	Trinity Hldgs	289	...	...	2.3	28.0
221	125	Vardy (Reg)	221	...	...	2.4	25.8
338	121	Westland	333	...	...	1.7	23.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
350	103	Adscene	350	+10	5.7	2.1	35.6
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.9	5.0	13.7
609	290	Blenheim Gp	360	+1	...	3.3	13.4
403	275	Bristol	402	...	...	3.7	36.3
£137	7775	Daily Mail	£137	+100	...	1.4	72.0
£137	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£137	+100	...	1.4	32.0
395	210	Dorling Kind	263	...	...	1.6	23.8
6712½	4337½	Elsevier	6512½	+71½	...	1.4	22.4
476	322	EMAP	460	+1	...	2.2	28.4
1550	873	Euromoney Pb	1550	...	...	3.1	27.3
264	154	Harrington K	188	...	4.7	3.1	15.4
515	155½	Haynes Pub	478	...	...	1.9	26.7
385	334	Hodder H'line	384	...	5.1	1.7	32.7
180	99	Home Counts	169	...	5.2	3.9	...
194	30	Ind Bus Comm	194	+6	...	...	28.1
15	6½	Int Cm & Data	10½	...	...	...	...
510	240	Independent	483	...	...	2.6	20.1
648	395	Johnstne Press	648	+3	6.5	1.3	28.0
356	243	Metal Bulletn	356	...	8.2	2.9	25.1
203	88	Mirror Gp	184	-1	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	492½	+7½	...	0.3	...
314	169	News Intl	297	+1	...	0.6	18.2
736	342	Pearson	703	+14	...	2.1	38.0
760	510	Portsmth Sund	758	...	...	1.6	20.9
984	618	Reed Int	930	+8	...	2.4	48.5
249	98	Southnews	249	...	2.3	1.2	46.0
196	90	Sterling Pub	196	...	...	2.0	23.8
577	328	Telegraph	577	+4	...	2.6	24.2
885	715	Thomson Corp	825	+7½	30.1	4.6	41.2
472	313	Trinity Intl	460	...	9.0	2.4	27.6
39	21	Unit Group	30	...	...	...	...
731	489½	Utd Nwspprs	705	-3	...	3.8	19.6

OILS, GAS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	29½	-½	...	...	29.0
61	33	Arcon Intl	43	...	...	...	...
73½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	70½	-2	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	55	-3	...	...	...
16	3½	Beverley	8½	...	...	...	...
233	145	Br Borneo	224	-1	7.1	4.0	6.8
361½	276	British Gas	343	+4	14.2	5.2	16.6
406½	225	Br Petroleum	366	-½	...	3.9	31.0
3½	1	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
675	675	Burmah Castrl	963	+2	...	3.7	20.1
68	32	Cairn Energy	61	+2	...	...	8.7
375	223	Calor Gp	345	+1	...	4.3	16.8
69½	32½	Clyde Pet	42	+½	...	...	...
44	23½	Copley Res	23½	-2½	...	...	...
27	10½	Edin Oil & Gs	25½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	435	-4	...	4.6	23.9
98	26	Exp Co Louis	55	-2	...	...	...
30½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	26½	...	...	4.1	9.5
10½	4	Fortune	6½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	60	...	1.4	2.8	11.5
48	18	Gt Western Res	39	+1	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	155	...	...	0.8	14.4
55	18½	Kelt Energy	48	...	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	125	-1	...	3.3	25.3
103	63	-do- Units	65	...	9.4	18.2	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res	4½	+1½	...	...	...
86½	34	Monument	64	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	6½	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	...	...	...
50	22	Oil Search	46	...	...	...	...
37	11½	Petroz	37	+10½	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	162	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	26	-½	...	...	...
168	50	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	280	Ranger	350	...	...	4.6	...
7700	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	7308½	-9½	...	4.1	15.0
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3816½	-53½	...	2.1	...
67	47	Seafield	57	...	...	...	...
749	515	Shell	736	+4	22.8	3.9	22.5
203	135	Sunrise Eng Sv	135	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	33	...	...	...	...
18½	6	Villiers Grp	18	...	...	...	...
328½	135	Woodside	210½	-1½	...	1.7	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	120	AG Holdings	162	...	...	3.6	16.5
444	240	API	434	...	...	2.4	27.2
297	144	Arjo Wiggins	294	+4	...	3.3	47.9
706	408	Abbott Mead	706	...	9.5	1.7	37.1
40	13	Aegis Gp	26½	+1	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	205	+2	4.9	3.0	18.6
26	7	BBB Design	24	...	...	...	...
468	223	Bemrose	468	+4	...	3.6	21.5
30½	7	Birkdale	12	...	...	...	...
182	118	Bunzl	182	-10	4.0	2.7	27.5
430	257	CIA Gp	420	...	4.4	1.3	26.5
230	93	Capital Inds	174	...	...	2.6	16.6
93	44	City of Lon	88	...	...	5.5	16.2
422	169	Cropper (James)	432	...	3.2	1.0	40.9
108	51	Delyn Group	106	...	1.6	2.0	14.3
137	94	Douglas Pack	129	-1	4.3	4.4	31.8
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	80	...	...	4.9	17.5
16½	10½	Elswick	17½	...	...	2.7	15.4
91	41	Fairway Group	91	...	3.2	4.5	26.8
409	271	Ferguson Intl	405	...	...	3.9	19.3
145	92	Ferry Pick	145	...	...	4.8	39.1
227	74	Filofax	221	+2	...	0.8	28.5
20	8	Fitch	12	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons	147	...	5.2	4.4	16.6
295	205	Gold Greenless	260	+8	8.4	4.1	25.5
41	17	Goodhead	30	...	...	0.2	∞
88	15	Hunterprint	16	-4	...	...	...
185	135	Interurope	143	+5	...	6.9	10.4
290	191	Jarvis Porter	289	...	...	2.1	20.9
33½	15½	Lopex	29	-1	...	...	...
38½	26	MMT	33½	...	...	...	...
431	175	More O'Ferrall	423	...	13.2	3.9	50.6
146	48	NMC Group	136	...	2.7	2.5	21.0
300	66	Osborne & Little	296	...	...	2.2	72.5
60	6½	Osprey Comms	49	-3	...	0.2	...
575	455	Portals	573	...	...	3.2	19.8
3½	½	Premier Hlth	3½	...	...	...	...
319	159	Quarto	318	+1	...	2.3	19.6
405	270	St Ives Gp	405	-4	...	1.7	26.7
186	133	Saatchi	143	...	...	...	...
529½	292	Sappi	499½	-1½	...	6.6	9.4
30½	8½	Scitl	28½	-½	...	...	...
55½	14	Shandwick	55	+½	...	...	...
517	294	Smith David	490	-10	...	2.6	33.4
361	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	347	+7	...	1.5	8.3
119	45	Sonic	119	...	2.5	2.6	48.5
246	183	Star-Plus	246	...	8.4	4.3	21.9
33	16½	Taylor Nelson	31	...	0.3	1.3	36.0
141	38	VTR	140	...	...	3.3	21.1
122	40	WPP	121	+4	...	1.0	4.5
264	62	Wace	245	+1	...	0.5	...
300	203	Waddington (J)	255	+1	...	4.0	19.1
481	270	Watmough	481	+3	...	1.5	37.7
7	3	Westport	4½	...	...	...	...
44	12	Whitney Mck	36	...	...	...	...
103	55	Wyndeham	103	...	...	1.8	22.1

PROPERTY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	41	Allied Lon	128	...	...	3.4	33.2
48	35	Arcadian	48	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	8½	+½	...	...	...
144	52	Asda	140	...	...	1.9	14.7
191	88	Avonside	184	...	4.1	2.8	35.7
2637½	2062½	BCE	2303½	-25	...	...	...
765	396	Bilton	760	...	18.9	3.1	27.5
107	17	Bourne End	107	+3	...	1.2	...
276	150	Bradford	274	+1	5.9	2.7	27.8
23	5	Bredero	20	...	...	...	...
474	166½	Br Land	443	...	...	2.0	40.4
276	140½	Brixton	250	...	...	4.2	19.8
126	42	Burford	114	...	...	1.5	∞
217	99	Cap & Regnl	217	+1	1.3	0.7	...
270	120	Cardiff Prop	270	...	2.5	1.2	...
185	177	Chelsfield	178	-1	...	1.7	...
668	196	Chesterfield	668	+3	11.5	2.2	47.8
83	12	City Site Ests	74	+1	...	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	29	...	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
62	34	Conrad Rtsz GS	58	...	...	...	...
1755	818	Daejan	1750	...	...	1.9	21.6
65	5	Dares Estates	19½	...	...	...	...
156	53	Debenham Twsn	156	...	...	2.6	29.6
17	4	De Morgan	15	...	...	...	...
189	76	Dencora	188	...	3.0	2.0	...
723	283	Derwent Hldgs	723	...	8.7	1.5	...
45	10	Development Sec	38½	...	...	...	...
65	24	Dwyer	63	...	...	...	...
425	170	Estates Agency	425	...	...	2.2	50.5
47	7½	Estates Gen	41	...	...	...	...
132	66	Evans Of Leeds	128	...	...	2.3	22.6
37	11	Five Oaks	36	...	...	...	...
74	30	Fletcher King	73	...	1.0	1.7	48.4
536	276½	Frogmore	528	...	...	3.8	25.5
321	97	Grainger	321	+1	...	2.0	57.4
260	116½	Gr Portland	243	...	...	4.1	23.5
23½	3½	Greycoat	22½	...	...	...	...
269	101	HK Land	227½	-14½	...	2.8	30.0
94	35	Hambro Cntyw	80	-1	0.5	0.8	...
435	233	Hammerson	434	...	10.0	2.9	43.9
377	127	Helical Bar	375	...	...	1.6	13.5
40½	19	Hemingway	38	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	71	+2	3.7	6.6	17.8
315	133	Jermyn	285	...	...	...	...
802	435	Land Sec	796	-5	23.1	3.8	22.5
122	73	Lon Merch Sec	119	...	4.0	4.2	18.5
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	12	...	...	...	...
565	315½	MEPC	513	-1	...	4.9	29.5
17½	5	McInerney A	13½	...	...	...	...
190	90	McKay Secs	185	...	3.5	2.4	25.4
8½	2½	Markheath	7½	...	...	...	...
81	12	Merivale Mre	76	...	...	...	...
55	29	Moorfield Est	48	-3	...	...	...
1368½	775	Mountview	1375	...	22.0	2.2	13.3
196	112	Muckiow (A&J)	195	...	...	3.9	30.4
70	37	Oliver Prop	68	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	ORB	2	...	...	...	...
191	88	PSIT	189	...	4.3	2.9	37.5
399	138	Peel	390	...	4.3	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	8½	...	...	...	...
50	22	Property Trust	42	...	...	...	12.0
63	33	Raglan	51	...	...	...	...
40	11	Regalian	35	+½	...	...	...
165	110	Rowlinson Secs	160	-5	1.5	1.2	30.0
64	16	St Modwen Prp	58	+1	1.0	2.2	∞
78	39	Saville Grdn (J)	73	...	...	4.6	36.4
100	39	Savills	86	-1	...	2.5	34.0
112	33½	Scot Met	104	...	...	1.8	...
135	39	Shaftesbury	133	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	6.5
519	139½	Slough Estates	288	...	...	3.5	20.1
103	56	Southend Prop	100	...	...	3.0	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps	29	...	...	...	...
244	114	Tops Ests	244	...	2.1	1.1	...
163	79	Town Centre	162	+1	...	2.6	39.0
107	43	Trafford Park	107	...	...	3.3	34.6
58	17	UK Land	40	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
317	180	Warner	316	...	10.4	4.1	28.9
247	168	Warnford	247	...	7.5	3.8	17.9
8	2	Waterglade	4½	...	...	...	...
104	34	Wates	103	...	...	...	...
105	40	Wood John Dv	101	...	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	11	Automagic	34	...	...	1.7	49.7
221	84	Headlam	220	...	...	...	...
500	285	Lambert	400	...	13.2	4.1	9.8
100	44	Pittards	72	...	1.5	2.6	20.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.2
250	89	Stylo	249	...	...	1.5	...
66	53	UK Safety	66	...	...	4.9	2.2

TEXTILES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
616	408	Allied Text	615	+5	12.9	2.6	∞
71	54	Beckman (A)	67	...	...	6.7	14.4
41	21	Bolton Gp	28	...	...	...	...
226	141	Br Mohair	210	...	8.5	5.1	19.7
55	15	Chartwell	53	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Gs	362	...	7.5	2.6	22.6
601	449	Courtauld Text	579	+1	13.9	3.0	15.8
53½	20	Cupid	21	-1	...	...	...
249½	124	Dawson	145	+5	...	0.6	11.0
47	22	Drummond	33	...	...	...	...
89	65	Fanpel	77	...	4.9	8.0	11.9
34	15	Foster (John)	28	...	...	...	...
167	82	Gaskell	164	...	4.2	3.2	...
249	156	Hicking Pntcst	234	-1	...	2.2	16.6
90	45	Jerome (S)	63	...	...	0.4	...
481	249	Lamont	481	+1	12.0	3.1	31.8
343½	239½	Leeds	337	...	...	2.1	17.8
122	73	Lyles (S)	99	...	...	4.2	...
215	89	Magellan	164	...	1.4	1.1	...
266	77½	Parkland	265	+1	...	0.8	...
112	82	Readicut	108½	...	...	4.0	20.4
66	35	SEET	35	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	144	+3	...	4.6	9.9
72	44	Stirling Gp	62	...	1.9	3.8	17.2
51	35	Stoddard	46	+1	...	4.1	42.8
330	250	Tomkinsons	325	...	...	4.4	27.6
59	30½	West Trust	46	...	...	7.3	...
280	126	Yorklyde	271	...	...	3.5	17.8

TOBACCOS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	497	-1	...	4.8	14.9
495	319½	Rothmans	448	-1	...	3.5	14.1

TRANSPORT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
623	349	Assoc Br Ports	616	+2	...	1.8	...
1083	707	BAA	1021	+3	...	2.0	25.3
128	106	Badgerline	120	+1	...	4.3	1.4
496½	249	Br Airways	479	+6	...	2.8	20.1
113	56	Clarkson (H)	107	-1	1.7	2.0	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	575	+11	...	...	...
87	44	Fisher (James)	85	...	0.5	0.7	22.8
293	147	IoM Steam	290	...	...	3.6	15.2
56	24	Jacobs (JI)	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
111	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	108	...	...	1.2	10.8
534	264	Mersey Docks	514	-1	9.0	2.2	∞
282	181	Natl Express	276	...	...	3.2	28.5
291	218	NFC	266	+4	...	3.3	20.6
348	244	Ocean Group	325	+2	...	5.5	...
91	40	Ocean Wilson	64	...	4.0	6.0	15.2
728	501½	P & O Dfd	703	-4	...	5.4	38.1
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	155	...	...	4.4	...
705	448	Powell Duffryn	666	+11	...	4.2	21.1
241	117	Seacon	233	...	3.7	3.1	∞
206	112	Stagecoach	199	...	...	2.4	24.2
121	31½	TNT	119½	-1½	...	...	...
913	624	Tibbet & Britn	908	...	12.6	1.7	34.8
382	37	Tiphook	54	-4	...	...	...
327	227	TDG	323	+4	...	3.7	10.7
128	98	Ugland	126	+2	...	...	...

WATER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	555	+5	...	4.9	11.1
365	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	365	...	...	3.7	13.5
761	547	Northumbrian	702	+2	...	4.1	8.2
611	433½	North West	556	+2	...	4.9	9.2
645	439	Severn Trent	596	+8	...	4.5	9.2
665	454	Sthrn Water	619	+3	...	4.4	10.0
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1588	+5	48.5	3.8	11.3
675	405	South West	609	+3	...	5.0	9.8
611	454	Thames Water	567	...	...	4.7	11.1
744	506	Welsh Water	684	+4	...	4.4	6.9
759½	536	Wessex Water	698	+2	...	4.0	11.1
630	477½	Yorkshire W	570	+1	...	4.8	9.5

Source: Finstat

• USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ↑ Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
109¼	100	Treas 14¼% 1994	100	...	14.50	...
109¾	101¼	Exch 13¼% 1994	101¾	-⅛	13.28	5.04
109⅝	101⅞	Treas 10% 1994	101⅞	-⅛	9.86	4.99
110⅝	103¾	Exch 12¼% 1994	103¾	-⅛	12.04	5.00
109⅝	102⅝	Treas 9% 1994	102⅝	...	8.74	4.98
111⅝	106⅝	Treas 12% 1995	106⅝	-⅛	11.28	4.95
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.06	4.80
109¼	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅛	+⅛	9.57	5.06
116½	112⅝	Treas 12¾% 1995	112⅝	-⅛	11.34	5.15
120½	115¼	Treas 14% 1996	115⅝	...	12.09	5.25
125¼	120¼	Treas 15¼% 1996	120⅝	...	12.66	5.37
120¼	115½	Exch 13¼% 1996	116¼	+⅛	11.39	5.38
112½	108¾	Conv 10% 1996	111	...	9.01	5.59
125½	118½	Treas 13¼% 1997	119⅝	+⅛	11.05	5.73
114⅝	110¾	Exch 10½% 1997	113	+⅛	9.29	5.73
108½	105¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	109⅛	+⅛	8.01	5.81
132⅝	127⅝	Exch 15% 1997	129⅝	+⅛	11.59	5.97
114⅝	109⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	112⅝	+⅛	8.63	5.98
106⅝	99⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	104⅝	...	6.92	5.94
106⅝	101⅝	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104⅝	...	6.93	5.95
102⅝	97⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅝	...	6.64	5.29
131½	125⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	130⅛	+⅛	10.85	6.16
140⅝	133⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	137⅝	+⅛	11.26	6.07
126⅝	115½	Exch 12% 1998	123⅝	+⅛	9.71	6.20
116⅝	108⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	114¾	+⅛	9.32	6.11

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101⅝	98¼	Treas 6% 1999	100	+⅛	6.00	5.99
128⅝	120¼	Exch 12¼% 1999	125⅝	+⅛	9.74	6.28
121⅝	112¼	Treas 10½% 1999	119⅛	+⅛	8.83	6.22
121¼	112⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	115⅝	+⅛	8.62	6.29
115¼	106	Conv 9% 2000	113⅝	-⅛	7.92	6.35
136⅝	125¼	Treas 13% 2000	133⅝	-⅛	9.73	6.51
106⅝	97⅝	Treas 7% 2001	103¾	+⅛	6.77	6.44
122¼	108⅝	Treas 10% 2001	119⅝	+⅛	9.40	6.59
123⅝	108¼	Treas 9¾% 2002	119⅝	+⅛	9.14	6.69
113⅝	97⅝	Treas 8% 2003	110	+⅛	7.27	6.55
127⅝	109¼	Treas 10% 2003	122⅝	+⅛	8.14	6.72
139⅝	116¼	Treas 11½% 2001-04	126⅝	-⅛	9.10	6.75
86¼	67⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	82⅝	+⅛	4.25	5.77
105⅝	97¼	Treas 6¾% 2004	101⅛	+⅛	5.54	5.53
125⅝	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	120⅝	+⅛	7.67	6.75
125⅝	105¼	Conv 9½% 2005	121⅝	+⅛	7.54	6.77
143⅝	124⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	139⅝	-⅛	4.90	6.93
111⅝	94⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06	107⅝	+⅛	7.43	6.78
112⅝	94⅝	Treas 7¾% 2006	108⅝	+⅛	7.15	6.75
136⅝	118⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	132⅝	+⅛	8.91	6.91
119⅝	97⅝	Treas 8½% 2007	114⅝	+⅛	7.40	6.80
151⅝	131⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	147⅛	+⅛	9.17	6.92
124⅝	101⅝	Treas 9% 2008	120⅝	+⅛	7.50	6.82

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115⅝	93⅝	Treas 8% 2009	111⅝	+⅛	7.20	6.83
126⅝	100⅝	Conv 9% 2011	121⅝	+⅛	7.38	6.83
127⅝	100⅝	Treas 9% 2012	122⅝	+⅛	7.34	6.83
94	70⅝	Treas 5½% 2008-12	88⅝	+⅛	6.21	6.59
114⅝	89⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	109⅝	+⅛	7.07	6.79
117⅝	93⅝	Treas 8% 2013	112⅝	+⅛	7.10	6.81
159⅝	125⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	153⅝	+⅛	7.84	7.00
128⅝	97⅝	Treas 8¾% 2017	123⅝	+⅛	7.11	6.78

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54⅝	38⅝	War Ln 3½%	51⅝	+⅛	6.83	..
37⅝	27⅝	Treas 2½%	35⅝	-⅛	7.10	..

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
137⅝	131⅝	Treas IL 2% 1994	137⅝	...	...	...
204⅝	194⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	202⅝	...	1.57	2.29
113⅝	105⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	111⅝	+⅛	1.63	2.27
176⅝	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	174⅝	...	2.13	2.68
173⅝	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171⅝	...	2.54	2.83
118⅝	105⅝	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	116⅝	...	2.58	2.86
184⅝	159⅝	Treas IL 2% 2006	180⅝	-⅛	2.68	2.89
168⅝	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	163⅝	-⅛	2.87	3.06
175⅝	148⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	170⅝	-⅛	2.91	3.09
146⅝	122⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2013	141⅝	-⅛	2.96	3.11
157⅝	130⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	151⅝	-⅛	3.00	3.15
152⅝	124⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	146⅝	-⅛	3.05	3.18
127⅝	102⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2024	123⅝	-⅛	3.04	3.15
129⅝	103⅝	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	123⅝	-⅛	3.06	3.17





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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Grofund Amer	172.70	181.80	+1.30	...
Grofund Equity	243.40	265.20	+1.30	1.36
Grofund Euro	206.00	216.80	+2.31	...
Grofund Extra Bal	122.60	127.10	-1.20	0.41
Grofund Gilt	81.07	83.58	-0.12	4.09
Grofund Japan	184.10	193.80	-0.60	...

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry
0203 553 231

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Acc	553.00	588.40	+5.90	2.07
General Inc	499.20	530.10	+5.40	2.07
UK Growth Acc	376.00	400.00	+4.40	2.25
UK Growth Inc	263.20	280.10	+3.10	2.25
Higher Inc Acc	702.10	745.00	+8.10	3.16
Higher Inc Inc	420.40	447.30	+4.80	3.16
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	192.90	204.60	+0.30	5.47
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	99.06	104.60	+0.20	5.47
Nth America	263.20	280.10	-1.90	...
Far East	372.00	392.80	-4.20	...
Europe	280.00	297.90	-2.10	0.51
Brit Excell	74.60	79.43	+1.00	2.36
Brit Fndmntls Acc	105.60	112.40	+0.90	3.46
Brit Fndmntl Inc	80.21	85.34	+0.71	3.46
Global Opps	86.55	92.06	-0.30	...
Balanced Acc	56.62	60.25	-0.44	2.15
Balanced Inc	56.11	59.70	-0.42	2.15

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	139.80	148.30	-0.10	5.40
High Inc Equity	179.30	190.70	-1.30	3.82
Worldwide Bond	275.40	292.00	+0.10	3.60
Capital Growth				
American Growth	319.10	340.20	-4.00	.93
Asian Pacific	375.10	401.10	-4.60	...
Assets & Earnings	287.40	305.70	-1.30	1.69
Cmdty & Energy	131.30	139.60	-1.70	.39
1992 Enterprise	99.59	105.40	-0.70	1.38
Euro Capital Inc	134.10	143.40	-1.20	.69
General	245.70	261.30	-1.20	2.08
Japan	131.30	140.40	-0.20	...
Mastertrust	150.50	160.00	+0.70	.81
UK Growth Dist	152.30	162.00	-0.60	1.63
US Emerging Cos	147.50	156.90	-1.30	...
Income & Growth	414.90	441.30	-2.70	2.97
Ethical	78.77	83.79	-0.15	1.98
International	122.40	130.20	-0.30	.14
Dividend & Growth	66.16	70.38	+0.44	3.61
Global Gwth & Sec	64.83	69.02	-0.12	2.56

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS
031 220 0733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Small Cos	1864.0	1943.0	..	

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0800 833 580

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Aberdeen Portfolio	65.57	67.01	-0.31	0.74
Amer Inc & Growth	46.45	48.99	-0.01	0.64
Cash	50.40	50.40		4.77
European	109.50	116.30	+0.80	
European Income	103.10	109.40	+0.10	1.36
Exempt	1113.2	1165.4	+3.50	3.27
Extra Income	56.47	61.30	-0.30	4.29
Far East Emg Ecn	121.70	131.30	-0.40	0.49
Fixed Interest	27.12	28.95	-0.06	6.37
Fund Inv Tst	158.50	201.30	-1.40	0.64
Japan	204.30	217.60	-0.80	...
Latin American	86.72	92.25	-0.23	0.54
Pacific	77.91	83.43	-0.19	0.32
Property Share	80.37	85.79	-0.01	1.53
UK Emerging Cos	73.76	76.74	-0.16	1.56
UK Growth	49.09	51.52	-0.48	2.27
World Growth	51.04	56.50	-0.29	0.63
Ethical	69.46	74.15	-0.21	2.20
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	55.10	55.10	-0.02	7.43

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Income	99.53	105.99	-0.57	2.76
UK Equity Growth	89.07	94.76	-0.46	1.98
European	69.36	73.81	-0.23	0.61
Nth American	69.31	73.73	-0.15	0.95
Far Eastern	77.73	90.56	-0.55	0.31
Money	65.33	65.33	...	3.78
Fixed Interest	73.60	78.51	-0.05	6.19
Index Linked Gilt	66.93	73.33	-0.22	1.10

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
25 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 3232

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Growth	75.64	80.47	+0.33	2.12
British Income	84.62	90.02	-0.58	2.99
Select Portfolio	91.58	97.42	-0.24	..

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
104 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0452 305 958

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amity Income	81.78	86.77	-0.49	1.89
Income Builder Inc	72.78	77.43	+0.59	2.64

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	259.30	277.10	-3.20	2.72
Capital	455.30	486.70	-3.00	1.59
Balanced	749.60	801.30	-5.70	2.27
Accumulator	1336.0	1427.0	-12.00	2.68
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.36	53.83	-0.24	3.31
High Income	453.90	485.10	-4.40	3.23
Equity Income	254.70	272.20	-2.10	3.21
High Yield	279.70	298.90	-2.70	3.14
Govt Securities	35.55	37.51	-0.13	4.65
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	138.90	148.30	-0.20	0.24
European Growth	35.43	37.69	-0.24	0.42
International	168.70	180.10	-0.40	0.33
Japan	223.30	238.10	-0.80	0.61
Pacific	446.70	477.50	-4.70	0.16
Secs of America	442.80	471.10	-0.50	0.59
Wwide Asset Val	49.77	53.20	-0.09	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	574.00	613.50	-5.00	2.04
Conv & Gilt	51.40	54.94	-0.29	3.53
Smaller Cos	191.70	204.90	-0.30	1.14
2nd Smaller Cos	193.50	196.10	-0.30	1.12
Recovery	157.20	168.00	+0.80	1.65
Met Min & Cdty	161.60	172.70	-0.40	0.72
Oseas Earnings	378.90	404.60	-2.20	1.94
Technology	164.50	175.90	-0.30	0.02
UK Special Sits	492.40	526.30	-3.00	1.85

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Chfield Out Pens	107.80	111.40	..	1.45
Foundn Pers Pens	69.29	71.98	...	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
29 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE
071 251 6767

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	77.05	81.94	-1.03	2.48
International	65.58	69.76	-0.43	0.46

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
America	311.30	336.30	+2.40	...
Bond	128.40	132.90	-0.20	5.90
Brit Smlr Cos	109.10	116.10	-0.30	0.90
Conv & Gen	68.84	72.47	+0.25	4.74
Energy	462.30	502.70	-1.60	0.22
Europe	239.20	254.10	-0.20	0.44
Euro Smlr Cos	106.80	113.50	-0.10	0.84
Income Gwth	381.30	406.90	-2.40	3.76
Japan	341.00	362.70	-1.10	..
Pacific	120.00	127.70	-1.60	0.63
UK Smlr Cos	55.08	58.60	+0.19	0.75
Japan Fd	790.80	816.70	+3.10	...
Mngd Fd	184.10	195.70	+0.60	2.49

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit & Oseas	306.80	322.90	-2.30	1.13
Capital Gwth	120.70	127.10	-0.30	2.10
Wwide Opps	204.60	215.40	-1.70	0.44

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inc Fd Inc	373.70	389.30	-1.40	2.22
European Bd Inc	96.86	102.30	-0.30	7.21
Exempt	91.04	96.45	-0.53	3.58
Financial	92.02	97.72	-0.46	1.92
500	503.40	533.30	-0.90	1.99
General	292.30	312.70	-2.00	2.16
Property	247.70	264.90	...	5.53
Trustee	200.60	214.60	-1.00	1.69
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50		4.33
Extra Income	129.40	137.30	-0.70	3.65
Gilt & Fxd Int	62.95	65.05	-0.04	7.66
Income	579.10	619.40	-3.10	3.60
Income Builder	71.39	75.94	-0.33	4.22
Intl Income	72.19	76.80	-0.29	2.65
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	123.30	131.40	-0.70	2.14
Leisure	126.90	137.90	-0.40	1.01
Recovery	451.30	492.60	-3.70	2.08
Smllr Cos Inc	49.90	50.29	-0.05	1.74
Special Sits	309.20	329.70	+2.00	1.54
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	140.00	148.50	-0.20	0.31
Aust Acc	282.40	300.70	-1.30	1.18
Aust Inc	176.90	188.20	-0.80	1.19
Euro Gwth Inc	148.20	157.00	-1.90	0.46
Japan & Gen Inc	192.40	203.70	-0.10	...
Japan Spec Sits	84.47	89.48	-0.02	..
Unit Tech Inc	81.45	86.53	-0.17	0.39
Worldwide	187.60	199.10	-0.90	0.36

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
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081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	104.20	110.40	-0.20	...
Amer Smllr Cos	137.10	146.90	-1.30	...
Cash Trust	50.57	50.57	-0.01	4.40
Convertibles	64.91	69.42	-0.26	5.60
Eastern	366.70	392.10	-8.10	1.60
Equity Income	97.49	103.70	-0.80	4.90
European Growth	298.40	318.20	-2.90	1.50
Europe	219.00	232.20	-1.40	1.50
German Growth	72.35	77.02	-0.54	0.70
Global Bond	70.57	74.48	-0.21	5.30
Global Growth	134.90	144.20	-0.20	..
Japan Growth	217.60	233.90	-0.90	..
Japan Sunrise	184.40	197.00	-1.30	..
Korea Trust	62.43	66.77	+1.41	..
Portfolio	142.30	152.00	-0.10	2.00
UK Growth	99.93	106.30	-0.60	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	105.70	110.90	-0.40	1.90
Select Managers	79.46	85.51	-0.21	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3300

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth Port Inc	84.01	89.37	...	
Special Opps Port Inc	85.00	91.73	...	

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	190.50	203.70	-0.70	0.46
Dividend	87.53	93.62	-1.79	3.64
Int Gth & Inc	234.10	250.30	-4.00	2.41
UK & Gen	47.85	51.23	-0.40	1.46
Fund of Funds	70.23	75.11	-0.40	..

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	115.26	123.27	+1.03	1.27
Smaller Cos	112.80	120.64	-0.42	0.97
Higher Yield	49.53	52.29	-0.36	2.45
American Gth Inc	77.00	82.35	-0.45	
European Growth	138.28	147.89	+0.36	...
Global Bond Inc	31.54	33.46	+0.03	4.44
Mixed Pfolio Inc	46.29	49.50	-0.30	1.02

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	69.87	70.82	-0.06	5.24

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	161.30	171.70	-0.70	1.27
UK Growth	175.30	186.50	-1.60	1.61
US Income	144.60	153.90	+0.90	3.63

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	196.70	206.50	-1.00	1.74
-do- Income Dist	119.70	126.90	-1.10	4.21
Gilt & Fxd Int	43.65	46.48	-0.11	5.85

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061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	154.40	164.30	+0.60	...
European Inc	80.96	85.86	-0.90	0.48
Smaller Cos (4-11)	88.30	93.94	-0.27	1.34
Growth	463.30	495.00	-0.30	1.78
Income & Growth	441.80	470.10	-7.20	3.19
Japan & Gen	76.24	81.11	-0.44	...
Master Portfolio	1127.5	1170.1	-100.00	1.37
Special Sits	106.60	113.90	-0.70	1.75
High Yield	1454.0	1479.0	+14.00	3.85

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth Tst	39.15	41.87	-0.20	0.88
Cash Income	50.47	50.47	+0.01	4.94
European Gwth	40.27	42.94	-0.30	0.81
Income & Gwth Inc	30.60	32.72	-0.27	3.78
Intnl Gwth	32.97	35.26	-0.02	0.73
Japan Gwth	29.59	30.57	-0.11	...
Managed Tst Inc	51.53	55.11	-0.41	0.47
Oriental Opps Inc	157.40	168.30	-3.70	0.58
Property Shares	49.56	53.00	...	1.53
Smaller Cos	34.27	36.65	+0.01	1.41
UK Growth Tst	27.82	29.75	-0.28	2.53
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	75.49	80.73	-0.93	1.59
Cap Hse UK Inc	71.35	76.31	-0.93	2.24
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.52	28.36	+0.07	0.39
European Acc	27.50	29.41	-0.07	0.38
Financial	164.80	176.20	-0.40	2.31
Foundation	97.53	104.30	-0.20	2.46
German	50.31	53.80	-0.30	0.25
High Income	83.02	88.79	+0.48	5.75
Income	144.90	154.90	+0.90	3.55
Intl Growth	39.53	42.27	-0.01	0.15
Mngd Pfolio Inc	111.80	119.50	+0.90	1.55
Mngd Pfolio Acc	213.80	228.60	-1.70	1.55
Monthly Income	88.32	94.45	+0.56	3.41
North American	113.60	121.40	-0.20	0.15
Orient	156.90	167.80	-1.10	...

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	85.40	91.35	+0.46	2.11
American Portfolio	92.89	99.07	+0.11	1.00
European Portfolio	98.31	104.89	-0.56	0.97
Japanese Portfolio	71.91	76.46	-0.08	...
Pacific Portfolio	154.26	165.88	+0.91	0.69
UK Inc & Growth	79.04	84.58	+0.54	3.48
Utility & Bond	56.63	60.59	+0.36	5.85

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK General Tst	68.34	72.74	+0.70	2.75
Global Tst	...	...	..	
Recovery Tst	...	...	..	

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7667

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	149.71	162.31	..	
UK Growth	115.33	124.52	..	
UK Income	119.53	130.13	...	3.61

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	91.29	96.39	-0.38	1.73
Back Bio-Tech	41.28	43.91	..	
Acorn Ethical Tst	167.39	183.73	..	1.15
City Fin Assets	76.16	80.17	..	1.53
City Fin America	83.82	88.23	+0.51	..
City Fin Intl	83.84	88.25	-0.93	0.45
City Fin Japan	178.26	187.64	+5.09	..
Friars Hse Cap	291.75	308.73	...	2.16
Friars Hse Inc	212.61	226.19	...	4.01
Buckley Wrld Gth	147.35	156.76	-2.10	0.84
Fairmont Cap Gth	153.52	161.60	...	
-do- Inc & Gth	125.23	131.82	...	1.50
Fairmount Intl	171.00	180.00	..	
City Fin Ptflo Inc	62.59	66.58	..	2.49

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	62.12	65.92	+0.35	..

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	60.40	64.60	+0.40	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	39.45	42.42	-0.04	..
Dragon Growth	76.84	82.18	-1.11	0.37
Equity High Inc	89.86	95.60	+0.86	3.11
European Gwth	50.72	53.96	-0.31	0.65
Evergreen	32.51	34.56	-0.04	..
General Equity	91.05	96.60	-0.93	1.95
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.40	28.79	..	7.17
Japan Growth	51.95	56.06	+0.12	...
Pedigree Gwth	54.07	57.52	-0.39	1.85
Ped Sm Cos Inc	34.65	36.96	+0.03	0.57
Retirement Inc	28.30	30.53	-0.28	4.70
Special Sits	41.72	44.62	-0.17	1.31
US & Overseas	52.38	55.72	-0.17	0.79

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 395 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	67.98	72.71	+0.72	2.64
Income	63.90	68.22	+0.59	3.65

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	181.03	192.58	+2.00	4.59
Fixed & Convertible	47.44	50.47	-0.04	5.63
Monthly Inc Plus	54.63	58.12	-0.05	7.71
Preference Share	53.73	57.18	-0.01	6.65
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	142.43	151.52	+1.39	5.42
Managed Fund	71.90	76.49	+0.17	2.64
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	46.21	49.16	-0.07	1.72
UK & General	83.36	88.68	+0.90	2.44
UK Growth	146.16	155.49	+1.48	1.57
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	191.76	204.03	-1.33	..
Far Eastern Gth	145.69	154.99	-0.77	0.27
Global Bond	89.64	95.30	-0.24	5.62
Japan Growth	128.51	136.71	..	
North Amer Gth	165.39	175.94	-0.12	..
Oriental Growth	88.50	94.15	-0.91	..
Worldwide Growth	67.36	71.71	-0.14	0.23
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.80	92.80	+0.01	4.65
Homemaker Fund	80.71	85.86	-0.68	1.78
Quilter Fund	143.72	152.84	-3.00	1.94

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Inc	61.43	65.35	+0.49	2.40
High Income	36.02	38.31	+0.23	4.40
Japan	37.42	39.80	-0.10	..
Smaller Cos Inc	34.12	36.29	+0.00	2.20
Smaller Cos	35.50	37.76	+0.03	2.20
North American	33.81	36.07	-0.19	0.50
European	38.23	40.66	-0.24	0.50

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	33.30	35.70	.	4.15

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	155.90	165.90	-1.00	1.54
Income	79.96	85.07	-0.50	4.02
European	62.11	66.09	-0.22	0.62
Recovery	146.70	156.10	+2.60	1.42

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	961.20	975.20	..	3.46

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	76.65	81.55	-0.84	1.74
Income	254.70	271.00	+2.00	4.15
Smaller Cos	162.90	173.40	-0.30	1.18
Inv Portfolio	81.82	87.50	+0.65	1.37
High Income Port	72.25	76.96	-0.60	4.40

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 410 0177

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	1540.5	1574.0		
Japan Small Cos	1272.6	1297.4		
UK Small Cos	1943.0	2022.2		
US Small Cos	1726.3	1773.0		

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	205.60	216.40		2.57

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gwth	266.90	282.30	-2.60	1.06
New Asia	239.60	259.10	-1.60	0.30
Japan Growth	130.30	138.60	-0.10	..
Jap Smllr Co	543.90	577.60	-0.60	..
Nth Amer	257.40	272.60	-0.60	0.89
Shltrd Asia Pac Ml	134.00	142.30	-1.20	0.44
UK Inc & Grth	232.20	247.60	-2.30	3.27

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	149.20	159.70	-0.70	1.69
UK High Inc Inc	165.70	176.30	-0.70	4.52
UK Pref & FI Inc	63.49	67.32	-0.10	4.66
Envrnmntl Opps	86.72	92.26	-0.60	1.33

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	124.50	132.30	-0.80	0.15
Convertibles	25.81	27.12	+0.06	6.02
Equity Income	143.40	152.40	-1.10	3.28
EuroFund	46.22	49.50	-0.23	0.82
Financial	54.31	57.70	-0.18	1.39
Growth & Inc	253.20	270.10	-2.00	2.70
High Dist	177.60	188.70	-1.60	3.97
International	413.03	438.60	-0.80	0.23
Intl Income	101.20	108.00	+0.60	2.41
Latin American	57.92	61.54	+0.42	0.20
Pacific	91.03	96.72	-0.41	..
Preference Share	26.18	27.92	+0.07	5.51
Tokyo	229.90	244.10	-0.70	..
UK Smaller Cos	255.10	271.00	-0.60	0..

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 70538

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Elcon Trust	228.90	244.50		

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	218.70	232.70	.	0.36

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QW
0296 431 480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	81.05	85.32	-0.46	1.52
Far Eastern	331.25	348.68	-3.06	1.23
High Income	144.91	152.22	+1.43	4.06
Intl Growth	130.40	137.26	-0.30	0.47
North American	122.90	129.37	-0.64	1.00
Pelican	126.96	133.64	-1.12	2.67
Smaller Cos	91.15	95.42	+0.33	1.07
Special Sits	99.88	105.14	+0.67	2.06
Tst of Inv Tsts	199.09	209.57	-1.01	1.69

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos Inc	229.84	239.42	+0.18	1.50
Smaller Cos Acc	397.91	414.49	+0.32	1.50
Recovery	61.26	63.81	-0.02	1.79

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	116.43	123.64	-0.37	4.64
Capital Growth	87.06	93.34	-1.31	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	48.15	51.36	+0.40	0.22
High Income	49.52	52.83	+0.15	8.39
Warrant	66.31	72.07	-0.48	..
Zero Preference	37.52	39.81	+0.01	..

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Family Asset Tst	79.34	84.40	..	2.39
Family Income Tst	53.12	56.50	..	5.86
Family Trust	96.36	102.50	..	1.04
United Charities	267.90	284.90	..	2.80

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings 0800 414 181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		4.50
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.70	26.07	+0.09	2.99
-do- Europe	24.41	25.73	+0.14	1.80
-do- America	23.93	25.21	-0.04	0.57
-do- Acc Japan	27.83	29.55	-0.19	0.55
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	31.35	31.66	+0.01	6.11
Intl Bond	32.43	33.82	-0.08	4.74
Income Funds				
High Income	29.98	31.55	-0.09	4.47
Income Plus	132.10	140.50	-1.40	3.54
Amer Eq Inc	49.56	52.32	+0.21	1.67
European Income	45.75	48.65	+0.13	2.17
Far East Inc	67.69	72.18	-0.54	2.07
Global Convertible	26.35	28.11	+0.05	1.88
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	64.47	68.77	-0.10	
American	247.20	261.00	-0.90	..
Amer Spec Sits	114.60	122.30	-0.10	..
Japan Smaller Cos	43.53	46.44	-0.06	..
European	169.50	180.30	+0.80	..
European Opps	63.10	67.10	+0.34	..
UK Growth	94.14	100.10	+0.70	..
Growth & Inc	165.60	176.10	+1.70	2.19
Intl PEP	37.74	40.13	+0.19	..
Japan Spec Sits	96.75	103.30	+0.50	..
Japan	204.80	218.30	+0.50	..
Managed Intl	280.30	298.90	+1.10	..
Moneybuilder	55.50	59.21	+0.08	..
Recovery	48.46	51.63	-0.10	..
South E Asia	169.20	180.90	-3.70	..
Special Sits	569.40	605.50	+0.40	..
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	116.10	132.20	-1.60	2.84
UK Reverse Index	71.49	75.32	-1.16	4.80
Europe Index	118.80	125.10	-0.60	4.23
-do- Reverse Index	64.61	68.56	-0.27	4.29
America Index	104.40	109.90	-0.60	0.40
-do- Reverse Index	93.39	98.44	-0.72	0.83
Japan Index	133.70	140.70	-0.70	0.75
-do- Reverse Index	103.00	108.70	-0.70	1.26
Cash Accum Units	104.42	104.42	+0.02	4.50

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	149.90	153.10	-1.00	1.97
Inc Pfolio	96.21	98.00	+0.74	3.31
Cap Pfolio	155.70	158.70	-1.40	0.56
General Opps	137.40	139.40	-1.00	3.10
Growth Inc	32.81	33.45	+0.35	1.13
Private Portfolio	437.50	445.80	-0.70	1.37

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Adams, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	116.20	122.90	-0.70	0.20
Far Eastern	194.70	208.70	-0.90	..
High Income	23.45	24.96	-0.18	10.12
Oseas Income	103.70	110.60	+0.10	2.42
UK Growth	122.40	130.90	+0.90	0.78
UK Income	117.20	125.40	+1.30	4.39
US Smaller Cos	304.70	325.90	+0.40	...

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc Eqty	52.58	55.94	-1.12	3.72
-do- Inv Tst Inc	81.74	86.96	-0.20	3.56
Intl Growth	75.45	80.27	..	1.12
Investment Trust	96.02	102.15	+0.44	0.22
UK Smaller Cos	89.85	95.59	-0.15	1.15

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	57.49	61.30	+0.33	..
(Accum Units)	57.49	61.30	+0.33	..
Amer Smllr Cos	514.70	550.40	+1.30	..
(Accum Units)	525.80	562.20	+1.20	..
Capital Tst	343.50	365.30	+0.10	1.27
(Accum Units)	483.50	514.30	+0.30	1.27
Conti Smllr Cos	61.30	65.76	+0.16	0.16
(Accum Units)	63.98	68.74	+0.17	0.16
Convertible	146.80	156.10	-0.50	4.31
(Accum Units)	284.30	302.40	-0.90	4.31
Emerging Markets	92.21	98.51	+0.09	..
(Accum Units)	92.29	98.59	+0.09	..
European	120.20	127.80	-0.90	0.12
(Accum Units)	125.30	133.30	-1.00	0.12
Extra Income	360.90	383.80	+2.20	3.09
(Accum Units)	523.30	556.60	+3.40	3.09
Financial	127.60	137.20	-0.30	0.33
(Accum Units)	133.50	143.60	-0.30	0.33
Gilt Trust	71.08	73.29	-0.26	5.08
(Accum Units)	94.10	97.02	-0.48	5.08
Health Fund Inc	148.30	158.40	-1.20	..
(Accum Units)	148.30	158.40	-1.20	..
Income & Growth	211.90	225.40	-1.60	3.04
(Accum Units)	307.00	326.50	-2.30	3.04
Intl Growth	392.20	420.80	-2.20	..
(Accum Units)	436.90	467.30	-2.50	..
Japan & Gen	199.60	213.80	-0.80	..
(Accum Units)	201.60	215.90	-0.80	..
Managed Port Inc	112.70	118.60	-0.50	0.57
(Accum Units)	118.40	121.60	-0.50	0.57
Monthly Income	183.80	195.50	-1.00	3.17
Quarterly Income	58.13	61.83	+0.27	3.88
(Accum Units)	59.95	63.76	+0.27	3.88
Recovery	373.20	399.10	+0.70	0.08
(Accum Units)	439.10	469.50	+1.50	0.08
UK Growth	55.54	59.30	+0.60	2.17
(Accum Units)	55.54	59.30	+0.60	2.17

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts
Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FP Equity Dist	406.89	432.86	...	2.15
-do- Accum	839.37	892.95	...	2.15
FP Euro Gth Dist	134.14	142.70	...	0.32
-do- Accum	139.31	148.20	...	0.32
FP Fixed Int Dist	144.77	153.13	...	5.68
-do- Accum	250.78	265.26	...	5.68
FP Intl Gth Dist	97.24	103.45	...	0.34
-do- Accum	101.22	107.68	...	0.34
FP Nth Amer Dist	199.23	211.05	...	0.55
-do- Accum	217.70	230.61	...	0.55
FP Pac Basin Dist	340.53	362.27	...	0.01
-do- Accum	347.00	369.18	...	0.01
Stewardship Dist	361.20	384.28	...	1.54
-do- Accum	435.94	463.77	...	1.54
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	78.72	83.75	...	2.90
-do- Accum	99.08	105.40	...	2.90
N Am Stshp Dist	105.68	112.43	...	0.37
-do- Accum	111.88	119.02	...	0.37

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
GANDA	252.60	267.20	-1.40	1.83
Cash	49.34	50.08	+0.01	4.36
Growth Portfolio	88.57	93.88	+0.55	0.32
Income Portfolio	72.93	77.12	-0.40	3.23

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Spec Sits	164.40	175.90	+1.10	..
European	549.50	586.70	+4.00	1.23
Far East & Gen	298.10	318.90	-2.90	..
Germany	120.90	128.30	-1.10	..
Global Assets Inc	...			
Income Inc	170.00	181.90	-0.40	4.14
International	379.00	405.40	-2.50	0.31
Intl Income	88.13	93.57	-0.21	3.77
Japan & General	435.10	463.30	-1.30	..
Korean Securities	79.64	85.18	+2.83	0.15
Smllr Cos Div Inc	56.32	60.24	+0.09	3.73
UK Capital (Inc)	197.90	211.70	..	1.66
UK Spec Sits	99.95	106.80	-0.30	0.31
US & General	137.70	146.50	-0.30	..
Wwide Spec Sits	177.30	189.00	-0.30	0.08

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421
Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	54.13	57.92	+0.55	1.83
Cash Trust	132.12	132.12	+0.01	4.25
Practical Inv Inc	119.88	128.43	+0.56	3.43
UK Index	158.07	160.63	+1.56	2.69
UK Smaller Cos	129.50	138.90	-0.26	1.24
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.53	29.44	-0.31	6.90
High Income	37.14	39.72	-0.25	4.39
UK Equity Income	148.90	150.25	+1.38	3.35
Global Bond	30.85	32.05	-0.05	4.96
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	70.65	75.56	+0.01	..
Global Inc & Gth	142.70	152.17	-0.10	1.44
Gold & Intl Res	113.96	121.88	-0.64	0.57
Global Utilities	141.40	150.09	-0.31	0.66
Overseas Funds				
American	144.70	154.63	-0.48	0.47
European	99.25	105.07	-0.06	0.86
Euro Sel Opps	133.52	141.77	-0.86	0.20
Amer Emerging	105.60	112.94	-0.43	..
Hong Kong	176.70	198.98	-9.22	0.88
Japan	254.66	271.07	+0.25	..
Pacific Growth	244.58	261.58	-2.12	..
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	225.24	225.24	+1.39	1.68
Long Term Bal	244.55	244.55	+1.37	2.00
Med Term Bal	204.37	204.37	+0.78	2.37
UK Equity	248.90	248.80	+2.21	1.36
UK Emerging Cos	148.65	148.65	-4.01	1.81
American	236.73	236.73	-0.98	1.24
Japan	143.58	143.58	-0.34	..
European	253.97	253.97	-1.66	0.97
Index Linked Gilt	174.35	174.35	-0.81	2.94
Fixed Interest	167.60	167.60	-0.42	6.18
Amer Emergng	220.62	220.62	-0.71	..
Pacific	253.96	253.96	-1.25	0.57
Emerging Mkts	217.33	217.33	-4.45	..
Index Strat Japan	159.08	159.08	-0.44	0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	212.36	212.36	-12.99	1.25
-do- Cont Europe	149.26	149.26	-0.78	1.61
Index Strat USA	133.93	133.93	-1.32	2.08
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	106.62	113.43	+0.70	..
Med Term Bal	97.26	103.47	+0.40	..
Long Term Bal	110.30	117.34	+0.66	..
UK Equity	115.03	122.37	+1.09	..
UK Emerging Cos	71.76	76.34	-0.12	..
American	110.13	117.16	-0.40	..
Japan	69.19	73.61	-0.17	..
European	106.07	112.84	-0.74	..
Fixed Interest	84.37	89.65	-0.23	..
Index Linked Gilt	77.31	82.25	-0.38	..
Deposit	[illegible]	51.64		
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Inv Grth	136.70	143.90	-0.28	
Berkeley Income	121.13	127.50	-0.13	3.00
BWH Intl	146.31	154.01	-0.45	0.55
Brcliff Gth Port Inc	64.92	68.52	+0.01	2.50
-do- Inc Port Inc	61.91	65.34	-0.21	3.75
-do- Wwide Port	56.22	59.34	-0.24	1.00
Shaw Utilities	59.21	62.49	+0.55	5.41

GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Opportunities	155.50	164.60	-1.60	..
Higher Income	144.00	151.10	-2.00	1.47

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management Ltd
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
B Intl Inc	613.04	652.22	...	0.09
European Inc	147.82	157.25	-2.24	
Amalgam Inc	155.97	165.15	-2.02	..
N America Inc	344.03	365.99		
Far East Inc	359.03	361.94	..	0.50
UK David Inc	185.64	197.49	..	0.68

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing 071 407 7988

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	92.45	97.25	+0.20	4.02
UK Small Cos	54.96	58.78	+0.12	1.10
British Growth	61.30	64.51	+0.21	2.14
American Gwth	167.15	178.77	+3.31	..
Japan Gwth	87.86	93.96	+0.06	..
Greater China	219.75	235.03	+1.84	0.95
Pacific Strategy	188.66	201.78	+0.95	0.15
European Gwth	86.06	92.04	+1.01	0.52
Intl Growth	166.64	178.44	+0.78	0.21
US Index (£)	14.017	14.764	-0.003	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	83.67	88.39	+0.80	2.15
Monthly Income	47.48	50.36	+0.77	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0033				
UK Index (£)	12.425	12.993	+0.164	3.60
Euro Index (£)	13.303	13.921	+0.047	4.90
Japan Index (£)	11.395	11.926	-0.236	1.85
US Index (£)	14.761	15.442	-0.002	1.50
Cash (£)	9.5184	9.5660	-0.002	4.10
UK Bear (£)	7.0951	7.4192	-0.095	5.60
European Bear (£)	7.4227	7.7676	-0.024	4.50
Japan Bear (£)	12.944	13.548	+0.003	1.85
US Bear (£)	9.0923	9.5120	-0.083	1.50
Dollar Bull (£)	16.030	16.777	-0.092	1.50
Dollar Bear (£)	6.8404	7.1523	+0.020	3.60
Gilt Bull (£)	11.816	12.352	-0.060	3.60
Gilt Bear (£)	7.0345	7.3529	-0.035	3.60
Dollar Cash (£)	10.676	10.729	-0.002	1.90
Grd UK Index (£)	12.870	13.566	+0.331	4.40

GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF
071 488 1212

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Small Cos	98.565	104.85	..	0.88
Bridge Income	296.11	315.01		4.60

GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	134.40	134.40	...	4.05
European	469.00	501.00	+3.00	...
Gilt & Fixed	139.80	149.30	-0.30	5.18
Growth Equity	355.60	379.90	+3.30	1.65
Income Trust	134.70	143.90	+1.30	2.77
International	194.00	207.20	+0.70	..
Japan Trust	137.40	146.70	..	
Nth American	288.00	305.50	+2.60	..
Pacific	620.50	669.30	-6.60	..
Guardhill	517.70	553.00	+2.50	1.67

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE
071 522 2129

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
EMU Trust	117.97	122.51	-0.46	7.66
Global High Inc	121.37	126.01	-0.74	7.85
Prem Fixed Int	116.96	121.44	-0.17	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	110.28	117.26	-0.38	4.33
European Growth	90.96	103.09	+0.03	..
Intl PEP Trust	62.21	66.14	-0.18	..
High Income	127.59	135.66	+2.18	3.04
Recovery	419.80	445.30	+3.50	1.42
St Vinc High Inc	137.85	139.91	+1.19	6.69
Tmp Bar Emer Co	257.60	274.00	+1.10	1.13
Tmp Br Sm Co In	385.50	392.30	-14.50	1.60

HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 538 868

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Advtg Inc	41.37	43.86	+0.20	1.35
Income Advtg Inc	34.32	36.38	+0.20	3.29

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Model Pfolio	212.70	225.70	-0.10	1.95
Smaller Cos	36.55	38.88	.	1.18

HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD
PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Special Sits	320.21	342.72	-0.74	0.89
Best of British	66.53	71.13	+0.62	1.91
UK Smaller Cos	132.21	142.12	-0.31	0.79
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	296.38	315.63	+2.36	2.59
High Income	355.35	379.86	+2.70	3.30
Extra Income	312.17	332.32	+2.39	3.90
Pref & Gilt	50.34	54.11	-0.05	7.55
International				
International	284.91	303.75	+1.39	0.39
Global Bond	59.53	63.32	-0.05	6.07
Family of Funds	85.60	91.35	-0.02	0.17
Global Tech	158.34	169.34	+0.65	.
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	196.37	209.99	-1.40	..
European	440.38	508.61	+4.13	0.27
European Income	86.34	91.45	+0.48	2.26
Euro Smlr Cos	149.70	160.22	-0.87	0.26
Eur Sp Sits	68.35	72.83	-0.50	0.49
Japan Trust	216.45	230.50	+1.22	..
Japan Special Sits	247.19	264.71	-0.21	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	275.35	292.91	+0.50	0.10
North American	251.86	267.93	+1.26	..
American Smaller	111.37	119.04	+0.16	..
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	59.17	62.71	+0.08	..
Eur Sp Sits	58.67	62.19	+0.42	..
General Growth	44.34	46.89	+0.45	..
Global Tech	61.97	65.68	+0.25	..
Income Growth	44.52	47.19	+0.35	..
Japan Growth	26.46	28.04	+0.15	..
Overseas Growth	41.57	44.06	+0.20	..
Smaller Cos	23.35	24.75	+0.20	..
Special Opps	30.86	32.73	+0.08	..
Sterling Liquidity				
Wwide Sp Sits	51.93	55.04	+0.25	..

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	105.90	113.20	+1.20	1.74
Capital	183.20	195.90	+1.60	1.55
Dollar	352.40	376.80	+2.90	0.01
European	241.20	257.90	+1.40	0.42
Far East	365.00	390.30	-2.10	0.21
Financial	900.50	963.10	+5.00	1.25
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.30	29.40	-0.01	7.01
High Yield	119.40	127.70	+0.90	3.84
Income & Growth	158.40	169.40	-1.70	2.87
International	260.70	278.80	+1.40	0.06
Japanese General	208.00	222.40	-0.20	..
Japan Tech	80.69	86.29	-0.28	..
Nat Resources	78.36	83.80	-0.74	..
Portfolio	79.26	84.77	+0.55	1.64
Security	350.30	374.60	+3.30	1.72
Smaller Cos	144.20	154.20	+0.50	1.13
Special Sits	164.80	176.20	+1.00	1.25
UK Emerging Cos	96.50	103.20	-0.20	0.26
US Smaller Cos	77.97	83.39	+0.90	..

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505
James Capel Unit Trusts
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Index Funds				
American Index	205.00	218.30	+0.90	1.20
Eurotrack 100	158.70	166.50	-1.60	0.95
Footsie Fund	55.99	59.19	-0.65	2.32
Japan Index	84.15	89.72	-0.60	0.10
Tiger Index	222.80	237.80	-2.80	0.17
Trade Index	128.30	136.80	-0.60	1.54
UK Index	147.90	157.80	+1.60	2.62
Active Funds				
American Growth	493.50	525.70	+1.30	0.16
Asian	61.75	65.90	-0.73	..
Capital	637.60	680.50	+4.60	1.97
European Growth	111.70	118.50	-1.00	..
Global Bond	24.51	25.83	-0.08	5.74
Hong Kong Gwth	129.30	138.00	-4.70	0.49
Income	606.90	647.70	+5.20	3.40
Intl Growth	82.68	88.07	-0.01	0.06
Japan Growth	303.00	323.40	..	
Japan Smllr Cos	37.39	39.84	-0.09	..
Spore & Mlysn Gth	77.86	83.09	-0.62	..
Midland Unit Trusts				
Dealing 0742 520 200				
Enquiries 0742 529 076				
Balanced	63.17	67.54	+0.29	2.11
(Accum Units)	64.95	69.44	+0.30	2.11
British Tst	88.29	94.43	-1.24	1.80
(Accum Units)	101.60	108.60	+0.20	1.80
Extra High Inc	77.15	82.51	+0.36	5.37
(Accum Units)	141.40	151.20	+0.70	5.37
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.01	62.47	-0.11	6.07
(Accum Units)	164.40	171.20	-0.30	6.07
High Yield	252.30	269.80	-1.10	4.23
(Accum Units)	605.60	647.70	+2.90	4.23
Income	322.60	345.00	-2.90	2.64
(Accum Units)	689.80	737.50	+6.10	2.64
Japan Growth	347.80	372.00	..	
(Accum Units)	367.10	392.60	..	
Mandarin Tst	139.30	147.90	..	0.59
(Accum Units)	144.60	154.60	..	0.59
Money Market UT	49.22	49.22	+0.01	4.68
(Accum Units)	74.68	74.68	+0.02	4.68
Monthly Income	94.62	101.20	-0.60	3.75
North American	..	..	..	
(Accum Units)	..	..	..	
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	105.70	112.40	-1.00	1.75
European Growth	107.50	114.30	-0.90	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	88.58	93.81	-0.17	5.91
Income	92.70	98.62	+0.71	2.68
Japan Growth	57.37	61.03	..	
Managed	69.97	74.44	-0.31	2.36
Money Market	82.94	87.92	-0.02	4.57
North American	90.74	96.53	-0.30	0.46
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	95.97	102.10	-0.90	1.73
European Growth	101.30	107.90	-0.90	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.23	89.41	-0.16	5.88
Income	91.10	96.91	-0.70	2.65
Japan Growth	57.20	60.85	..	
Managed	66.95	71.22	-0.30	2.33
Money Market	76.76	81.26	-0.02	4.52
North American	82.62	87.89	-0.27	0.56
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.55	102.50	-1.00	1.71
European Growth	99.59	105.20	-0.90	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.04	82.84	-0.15	5.96
Income	90.57	96.75	-0.70	2.65
Japan Growth	58.60	62.34	..	
Managed	70.34	74.63	-0.31	2.22
Money Market	72.02	76.35	-0.02	4.56
North American	91.63	97.48	-0.20	0.43

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	76.81	81.61	+0.74	0.25
Smaller Cos	34.62	36.79	-0.17	1.07
Special Features	34.33	36.47	-0.32	1.16
(Accum Units)	40.92	43.47	-0.38	1.16
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	82.14	87.27	-0.87	3.66
Accum Units	98.76	104.90	-1.10	1.56
General Equities	78.35	83.49	-0.98	2.45
Great British Cos	56.13	60.07	+0.43	1.49
Managed Invest	105.90	112.60	-0.50	1.64
PEP Managed	86.45	91.57	-0.46	1.93
Pupert Child Tst	87.15	92.36	-0.94	1.61
UK Growth	63.58	69.28	-0.59	1.37
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.06	53.36	...	3.80
Cashbox (Acc)	57.35	57.35	...	3.80
Extra Income	92.64	99.39	+0.28	4.25
Gilt	29.90	31.49	-0.01	5.76
Income & Growth	45.69	48.69	-0.39	2.98
Minstar Gilt & FI	51.53	53.54	..	7.19
Preference Shares	19.65	21.17	-0.16	5.67
UK Income	364.50	386.70	-2.50	2.79
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	74.73	79.40	-0.59	0.50
Property Shares	88.31	94.92	-0.07	0.97
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	53.16	56.46	-0.30	0.50
US Smaller Cos	123.30	130.90	-1.30	..
(Accum Units)	124.60	131.60	+1.10	..
Europe Fund	153.00	162.10	-0.50	..
(Accum Units)	158.20	167.60	-0.60	..
Euro Smaller Cos	28.97	30.69	-0.16	
French Growth	81.55	86.47	-0.46	
Accum Units	87.56	92.60	-0.47	
H Kong & China	104.40	111.30	-2.40	0.34
Intl Growth	60.59	64.69	-0.39	..
Accum Units	62.20	66.03	-0.20	..
Japan Perf	36.60	39.92	-0.21	..
Accum Units	36.66	39.62	-0.21	..
Japan Smaller Cos	42.70	46.43	-0.12	..
Singapore ASEAN	117.90	127.50	-0.30	..
Accum Units	119.60	128.20	-0.30	..
SE Asia	356.60	378.40	-3.30	..
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	99.56	106.00	-0.50	1.29
Intl Bond	59.24	60.11	-1.54	1.04

JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB
071 581 3020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Cap	181.70	193.30	-1.40	..
Income	133.44	141.24	-0.88	3.51
Res & General	157.90	168.50	-0.30	..
UK Growth	56.47	60.07	-0.44	2.07
International	91.54	97.34	+0.21	0.01
Ecology	97.76	103.99	-0.06	0.56
European	118.22	125.76	-1.19	..
Far Eastern	340.30	362.40	-0.50	

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
Dealers: 071 956 7354 Admin: 071 956 6600

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	90.29	96.14	-0.49	5.09
(Accum Units)	93.95	99.31	-0.67	5.09
Gilt Yield	126.40	133.30	-0.20	6.65
(Accum Units)	296.20	319.70	-0.70	6.65
Global Income	240.10	253.40	-0.32	3.34
(Accum Units)	533.60	567.70	-2.64	3.34
High Yield	152.70	162.30	-2.03	5.12
(Accum Units)	452.90	481.90	-6.30	5.12
Smllr Cos Dst	62.76	66.77	-0.21	2.57
(Accum Units)	75.74	80.77	-0.26	2.59
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	100.30	106.70	+0.10	
(Accum Units)	103.80	110.40	..	
North American	90.92	96.76	-0.26	0.29
(Accum Units)	99.21	105.50	-0.30	0.29
European Special	94.15	100.25	-1.11	1.25
(Accum Units)	94.77	105.10	-0.10	1.25
European	158.00	168.10	-0.50	1.17
(Accum Units)	206.80	220.00	-0.60	1.17
General	304.60	324.00	+1.90	2.78
(Accum Units)	507.70	540.10	+3.20	2.78
Japan	452.90	481.80	-7.40	..
(Accum Units)	454.00	487.20	-7.40	..
Japanese Special	262.90	279.70	-0.50	..
(Accum Units)	264.10	281.00	-0.51	..
Master Accum	263.10	279.90	-0.80	0.77
Pacific	371.70	395.40	-3.00	0.37
(Accum Units)	435.90	463.70	-4.60	0.37
Smaller Cos	125.70	133.70	+0.42	0.87
(Accum Units)	170.80	181.30	+0.60	0.87
UK Equity Growth	47.44	50.47	+0.19	1.54
(Accum Units)	88.52	94.49	-0.35	1.54

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA
071 629 1683

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Inc & Gth	68.03	72.37	+0.14	0.80
Inv Trust	74.85	79.62	+0.37	..
Cautious Inc/Gth	62.36	66.33	-0.15	1.60
High Inc Acc	60.16	64.00	+0.23	4.40

LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	95.82	101.90	+0.60	0.39
Extra Income	27.66	29.43	-0.25	3.07
Far East	33.13	35.24	-0.45	0.25
Income & Gwth	84.05	89.41	-0.01	3.26
Intl Growth	60.67	64.54	+0.03	0.38
Japan	68.76	73.15	+0.44	..
Maximum Dist	95.72	101.70	-0.50	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	42.36	45.06	+0.02	0.12
UK Equity	100.10	106.50	-0.90	2.03

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA
071 588 2800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	672.40	686.10	...	4.55
Intl & General	453.70	463.00	...	0.55

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inc & Growth Inc	61.75	65.69	+0.59	3.61
Smaller Cos	58.41	61.81	+0.18	0.81

LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Trust	280.10	297.30	+2.90	1.54
High Income	119.60	122.20	-0.70	3.46
International	103.50	110.10	-0.10	0.40
Recovery Trust	69.22	73.64	-0.86	1.17
European Trust	87.30	92.87	-0.11	0.70
Japanese Trust	48.33	51.41	-0.02	..
American Trust	84.46	89.85	-0.02	..
Managed	71.58	76.15	+0.12	0.37
Cash	51.65	51.65	+0.01	4.04

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Cap	371.30	377.40	...	2.54
UK Inc/Gth	404.10	410.40	...	5.81
UK Income	287.70	292.60	...	3.39
UK Sm Cos	268.70	278.10	...	1.31
Euro Gwth	121.90	123.80	...	..
N Amer Gwth	83.06	84.00	...	0.33
Jap & Pac Gth	87.57	88.82	...	..
Money Mkt	117.53	117.53	...	5.40

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	505.50	537.80	+5.60	2.16
Equity Income	109.00	116.00	+0.80	3.21
UK Tactical Allocn	60.32	64.05	+0.86	3.45
European	117.50	125.00	+1.00	0.60
Far Eastern	256.30	272.60	-1.00	..
Fixed Interest	56.82	60.35	-0.24	8.46
Gilt	99.19	105.20	...	5.83
Global Growth	84.13	89.50	+0.48	0.29
Intl Bond	57.30	60.85	-0.13	4.57
Japanese	80.31	85.36	+0.68	..
North American	159.70	169.90	+0.50	0.24
Pacific Growth	133.30	141.70	-3.30	..
UK Index	67.13	70.85	+0.68	2.57
UK Recovery	98.04	104.30	-0.60	1.46
UK Smaller Cos	134.80	143.40	+0.10	0.95
US Index	61.56	64.97	+0.22	1.65
European Index	74.74	78.88	-0.60	1.28
Japan Index	44.00	46.44	-0.16	..
Worldwide	90.78	96.57	+0.42	1.00

LINCOLN NATIONAL
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	51.48	55.06	-0.30	3.00
Income	63.53	67.95	-0.69	3.50
Far East	62.96	67.34	-0.17	..
North American	105.60	113.60	-0.70	..
Global	106.70	114.10	-0.50	0.60
European	89.87	96.12	+0.48	0.80
Japan	119.70	128.00	+0.10	..
Intl Currency Bd	61.12	64.83	-0.20	5.87
SE Asia	129.70	138.70	-2.20	0.67
UK Cap Growth	98.93	105.80	+1.30	1.74

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 513

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	368.00	391.50	-2.50	2.32
-do- Acc	816.90	869.10	-5.60	2.32
Contl Euro Gth	63.72	67.08	-0.61	0.81
-do- Acc	67.88	71.46	-0.66	0.81
Extra Inc	275.40	293.00	-2.20	3.21
-do- Acc	690.30	734.40	-5.40	3.21
German Gth	122.80	129.30	-1.60	0.10
-do- Acc	128.80	135.60	-1.70	0.10
Growth Port	585.70	623.10	-3.80	0.15
-do- Acc	590.60	628.30	-2.90	0.15
Income	523.40	556.90	-3.00	3.11
-do- Acc	1365.0	1453.0	-8.00	3.11
Income Port	543.00	577.70	-1.60	3.54
-do- Acc	558.00	593.70	-1.60	3.54
Japan Growth	112.60	119.80	-0.10	..
-do- Acc	113.00	120.30	-0.10	..
Master Trust	62.33	66.31	+0.24	0.98
-do- Acc	68.62	73.00	+0.26	0.98
N American Gen	205.00	218.10	-1.60	..
-do- Acc	236.80	252.00	-2.00	..
Nam Sm Co Rec	159.50	169.70	-4.50	..
-do- Acc	162.80	173.20	-4.60	..
Pacific Basin	302.50	321.90	-8.30	0.22
-do- Acc	320.90	341.40	-8.90	0.22
Small Cos Rec	397.20	418.20	-13.20	1.68
-do- Acc	521.80	549.30	-17.30	1.68
UK Growth	92.19	98.08	+0.59	1.89
-do- Acc	109.50	116.50	-0.70	1.89
Worldwide Gth	347.30	369.40	-1.30	0.13
-do- Acc	512.10	544.80	-1.70	0.13

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	68.66	73.67	-0.43	0.30
General	93.59	100.42	-0.60	2.30
Income	75.13	80.61	-0.31	4.40
International	69.13	74.17	-0.21	0.70
Japan	89.80	94.16	-0.08	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	74.22	79.64	+0.44	1.50

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	427.50	452.10	+3.30	0.70
Amer Recovery	483.20	511.00	-4.80	0.22
Amer Smllr Cos	138.10	146.00	-1.50	..
Australasian	186.20	196.90	-1.60	1.08
Capital	654.70	703.80	+4.60	1.64
Charifund	755.40	763.00	+4.70	4.78
Commodity	400.90	424.00	-1.50	0.37
Compound Grth	977.60	1033.8	+3.30	2.24
Dividend	43.30	45.80	+0.30	3.86
Equity Income	376.40	398.00	-0.80	4.34
Euro & General	515.30	544.90	+3.10	0.50
Euro Dividend	74.30	78.60	+0.40	3.26
Extra Yield	456.10	482.30	+3.00	4.07
Far Eastern	404.70	428.00	-4.80	0.19
Fund of Inv Tsts	654.60	692.20	+4.10	1.68
General	65.00	68.70	+0.40	3.39
Gilt Income	67.73	67.85	-0.07	6.42
Gold	71.60	75.70	+0.80	0.51
High Income	31.10	32.90	+0.20	4.05
Intl Growth	82.60	87.40	+0.20	0.69
International Inc	109.60	115.90	+0.50	3.98
Japan & Gen	50.80	53.72	-0.37	..
Japan Smlr Cos	176.00	186.10	-1.70	..
Managed Income	30.00	31.50	+0.10	3.50
Midland	69.40	73.40	+0.10	2.33
Pension Ex	1001.1	1026.2	+6.00	3.54
Recovery	45.20	47.80	+0.10	1.94
Second General	76.60	81.00	-0.40	3.09
Smaller Cos	76.20	80.60	+0.10	2.29
Treasury	25.08	25.11	..	4.78
Trustee	46.30	48.90	+0.30	3.76

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	83.68	89.02	-0.57	0.23
High Income	316.30	336.40	+1.30	4.07
Intl Bond	71.52	75.09	-0.17	4.72
Intl Equity Growth	73.42	78.10	+0.10	0.30
N Amer Growth	101.28	107.74	-0.50	0.74
Special Sits Growth	23.85	25.37	-0.10	1.50
UK Growth	399.20	424.60	-3.20	2.30

MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian
062 082 5867

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Joint Investors	1355.1	1384.4	.	2.57

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	153.80	158.20	.	3.64

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage
Dealings: 0438 747 414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Units	204.90	219.00	...	1.99
Gilt & Fxd Int	191.80	202.00	...	6.58
Intl Growth	222.40	237.80	...	0.18
North American	188.00	201.40	...	0.32
Far East	301.20	322.10	...	0.25
UK Smaller Cos	182.00	194.60	...	1.39
European	81.70	87.33	...	0.31
Japanese Growth	49.56	52.81	...	..
Managed Pfolio	72.29	77.24	...	1.31
High Income	199.40	213.20	...	3.73

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
PO Box 418, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
M & S Inv Pfolio	161.00	171.30	+0.71	1.56
-do- Accum	181.80	193.30	+0.71	1.56
UK Sel Pfolio	137.80	146.50	-0.83	1.66
-do- Accum	157.00	167.00	-0.83	1.66

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
5 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA
0204 364 542

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	71.79	76.37	...	3.17

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Ct, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
031 479 4646

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	81.48	86.50	+0.59	4.18
European	95.35	100.61	-0.39	0.41
Income & Growth	53.70	58.85	-0.90	2.37
Nth American	61.34	65.12	-0.33	0.33
Far East	186.90	198.40	-1.10	..
Charities	127.40	135.20	-0.70	3.17
Japan	60.11	63.81	-0.01	..
Emrging Mkts	136.20	145.70	-0.30	0.16
Intl Growth	117.90	125.20	-0.10	0.08
UK Growth	95.30	101.50	+0.50	0.53

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St EC4R 9AS
Dealing: 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	209.30	222.60	-1.30	..
(Accum Units)	223.70	237.90	-1.40	..
American Opps	94.41	100.70	-0.71	..
(Accum Units)	95.63	102.00	-0.80	..
British Blue Chip	84.70	90.06	+0.72	2.80
(Accum Units)	101.90	108.30	+0.90	2.80
Cash	100.40	100.40	...	4.74
(Accum Units)	133.10	133.10	+0.10	4.74
Emerging Mkts	144.50	155.40	+0.30	..
European Growth	259.40	271.10	-3.30	0.59
(Accum Units)	274.90	291.90	-2.60	0.59
European Income	89.27	93.67	-0.59	2.60
(Accum Units)	115.20	122.60	+0.90	2.60
General	557.70	594.30	-4.20	2.04
(Accum Units)	1067	1137	-8.00	2.04
Global Bond	134.90	141.90	-0.20	5.01
(Accum Units)	155.40	163.40	+0.20	5.01
Gold & General	194.60	209.20	-4.50	0.45
(Accum Units)	198.90	213.90	-4.90	0.45
Govt Securities	100.50	103.70	..	6.86
(Accum Units)	156.40	192.30	-0.20	6.86
Income	164.70	175.00	-1.40	3.80
(Accum Units)	349.90	368.50	+1.90	3.80
International	474.90	506.20	..	0.55
(Accum Units)	633.10	675.10	+0.10	0.55
Japan	201.60	213.70	-1.30	..
(Accum Units)	207.00	219.40	-1.40	..
New Europe	183.10	195.30	+1.40	1.33
(Accum Units)	187.30	199.80	-1.50	1.33
Pacific	141.60	151.00	-1.30	0.55
(Accum Units)	150.50	160.50	-1.30	0.55
Recovery	363.70	387.90	+0.90	2.31
(Accum Units)	461.20	491.90	+1.10	2.31
UK Smaller Cos	65.43	69.79	+0.13	1.56
(Accum Units)	73.47	78.37	+0.14	1.56
Portfolio	86.68	92.16	-0.55	2.46
(Accum Units)	99.49	105.80	-0.60	2.46

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ
0707 662 233

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Eurogrowth Plus	119.89	127.33	+0.98	0.81
Intl Strategy	69.23	73.65	+0.08	0.62
UK Income Inc	83.46	88.79	-0.69	5.48

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International (US$)	13.63	14.50	...	...

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	322.70	343.40	+4.10	...
European Gth Inc	390.90	417.20	-2.40	...
Intl Gwth	203.80	217.60	+1.00	..
UK Equity Inc	193.00	205.60	+1.40	2.55
UK Ind Trckr Inc	169.60	181.00	+1.30	2.69
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	205.20	217.20	+1.60	1.40
Japan Tracker	80.78	85.35	-0.61	..
Asian Trader	239.90	259.30	-3.20	0.82
Managed Inc	157.00	168.80	+0.70	1.84
Deposit Inc	99.93	99.93	+0.01	4.37
Europa	179.10	192.20	+1.30	...
Genesis	167.60	182.20	-0.30	..
High Income	24.09	25.52	-0.12	10.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Acumen	100.30	102.50	+0.10	2.05
Acumen Inc	96.62	98.65	-0.06	2.05
Acumen Reserve	88.59	89.48	-0.25	6.62
-do- Inc	80.80	81.62	-0.22	6.62
American Income	187.30	192.50	-1.00	1.33
Cash Income	49.57	50.08	+0.01	4.30
Equity Income	106.10	109.00	+0.60	4.20
European	76.50	79.02	+0.40	0.77
Smaller Cos	85.89	89.52	..	0.86
Olympian	72.97	74.97	+0.17	0.02
Global Bond	49.36	49.91	...	6.01
UK Growth	96.91	99.67	+0.19	1.46
Pacific Growth	120.50	124.40	-2.00	...
Japan Growth	100.40	102.40	-0.20	...

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Avon Equity	125.08	133.06	+1.22	2.71

NM UNIT TRUST MGRS
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 495
Dlg: 0705 882 680

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	113.80	120.00	-0.20	1.48
Open Cap Gth Inc	114.80	122.10	-0.10	1.31
NM Unit Trusts				
American	46.41	49.45	+0.33	1.59
Australian	374.30	401.60	+5.30	..
Conscience	79.04	84.35	+0.23	0.41
European	205.60	218.70	+2.00	0.69
Extra Income	81.58	87.06	+0.56	5.10
Gilt & FI	61.60	65.01	..	5.69
Gold	65.11	70.01	+1.09	..
Income	60.75	64.80	+0.60	3.99
Intnl	34.69	37.10	+0.07	0.67
Jap Smaller Cos	374.20	399.10	+3.70	..
Sing & Malaysian	253.70	272.00	-2.60	..
Smaller Cos	33.12	35.61	+0.07	0.56
Special Sits	39.52	42.49	+0.24	1.44
Sterling Deposit	100.50	100.50	..	4.50
Tokyo	89.74	95.72	+0.25	..
UK Equity	187.20	200.20	+2.00	2.48
US Smaller Cos	118.90	127.10	+1.20	..

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5522

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	80.75	85.91	+0.94	1.60
UK Income	118.90	126.50	+1.20	3.12
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.16	83.77	-0.04	6.03
Higher Income	241.80	257.30	+1.60	4.04
Smaller Cos	91.64	97.50	-0.30	1.25
International	106.10	112.90	+1.20	1.17

NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Americas Dist	115.10	123.10	-1.10	..
European Dist	108.20	115.70	-0.40	..
Far East Dist	193.30	206.70	-0.70	..
Global Care Dist	78.16	83.99	-0.47	2.28
Oseas Dist	1066.8	1139.9	-0.20	0.33
UK Dist	368.80	394.40	-3.80	1.93
UK Extra Inc Dist	82.49	88.22	+0.46	3.49
Wwide Dist	109.10	116.60	-0.20	..
Wwide Inc Dist	74.86	80.06	-0.21	1.88

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	62.99	66.48	+0.38	0.39
Fund of Funds Inc	61.48	64.89	+0.22	0.51
North America Inc	52.13	55.02	+0.34	0.05
UK Equity Grth Inc	64.51	68.08	+0.54	1.51
UK General Inc	62.85	66.33	+0.54	1.82
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	52.01	54.76	+0.08	6.01
UK Income Inc	63.98	67.53	+0.51	2.28

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR
Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	246.70	262.45	+1.36	3.30
Global	369.80	393.41	-1.57	1.04
General	205.42	218.54	+0.34	1.17
Bond	137.17	145.64	-0.65	6.03
Growth	134.69	143.29	+0.78	1.35
Intrepid	130.54	135.98	...	1.70

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich
0603 682 234

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	129.68	137.96	-0.58	1.15
UK Equity	147.75	157.18	-0.08	2.77
UK Equity Income	143.45	152.61	+1.31	3.31
UK Smaller Cos	133.76	142.30	+0.32	1.25
UK Equity Growth	137.24	146.00	+1.21	2.46
UK Index Trckg	150.32	159.91	+1.16	2.98
Intl Index Trckg	149.38	158.92	+0.11	0.99
International	243.07	258.59	-0.24	0.61
European	186.64	198.55	+1.31	0.35
Pan European	132.77	141.25	+1.23	1.11
Nth American	165.09	175.63	-0.07	0.44
N Amer Smlr Cos	189.32	201.40	-0.66	..
Japanese	100.78	107.21	-0.30	..
Pacific	260.36	276.98	-2.02	..
South East Asian	287.73	306.10	-3.84	0.19
Intl Bond	140.50	149.35	-0.99	3.84
Gilt & Convertible	114.45	121.67	+0.36	8.68
Property	83.31	88.63	-0.12	5.58

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	255.60	271.80	-1.90	1.94
Growth	164.80	173.50	-1.00	2.12
Income	258.80	275.30	-2.00	2.95
Intl Equity	260.90	277.50	+0.30	0.53
UK Income	71.04	75.57	+0.51	2.56
UK Intl 25	82.71	87.98	+0.47	1.50
New Europe	76.40	81.27	-0.76	0.28

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth	633.14	677.16	-0.21	0.08
Income	368.20	393.80	-3.88	2.58
Wwide Recovery	401.66	429.59	+1.19	0.23
Amer Growth Inc	234.67	250.99	+0.81	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	270.47	289.28	-0.99	0.07
Far Estn Grth Inc	318.10	340.22	-0.02	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	147.35	157.60	-0.87	0.55
UK Growth Inc	94.09	100.64	-0.80	2.12
High Income	101.35	108.40	-1.06	3.40
Jap Gwth Inc	240.54	255.84	-0.81	0.01
PEP Growth	125.83	134.58	+0.17	0.72
Asian Str Mkts Inc	141.61	151.46	-3.51	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	145.58	155.71	-0.88	0.01
Global Bond	64.51	67.94	-0.15	5.35
UK Smaller Cos Inc	87.00	93.05	-0.25	0.90

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	112.88	120.09	-0.36	..
European	71.55	76.12	-0.17	0.25
Global	73.42	78.11	-0.58	..
Pacific	72.29	76.90	-0.87	0.05
UK Inc & Grth	70.40	74.89	+0.03	1.82

POINTON YORK UT MGRS
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX
0533 550 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
BRI Director Digs	109.77	116.91	+0.66	...

PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Portfolio	171.95	181.00	...	0.59

PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458 721

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	63.65	67.68	+0.67	1.85
Growth Income	66.01	69.97	+0.51	1.24

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN
0732 740 700

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Principal Tst	143.92	153.11	+0.75	1.84

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, EC4N 8LD
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Income	100.10	106.50	...	2.69
Conv & Gilt	129.90	137.70	-0.10	5.04
European Income	78.97	84.01	-0.19	2.27
Extra Income	167.00	177.70	+0.90	3.38
Far East	433.20	460.90	-2.00	0.20
Global Income	29.05	30.90	-0.01	4.04
High Income	126.90	135.00	-0.60	3.13
International	223.50	237.70	-0.80	0.36
Pref & Fxd Int	46.03	48.96	..	6.89
Recovery	86.28	93.02	-0.60	1.56
Special Sits	116.50	123.90	-0.60	1.38
Technology	351.90	376.50	-3.10	..
UK Blue Chip	72.76	77.40	+0.65	2.47

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX
0622 674 751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	56.87	60.50	-0.65	2.51
International	96.77	102.95	-0.26	0.66
Gilt	26.03	27.76	-0.11	6.91
Income & Gwth	80.54	85.68	+0.91	3.60
European	53.96	57.30	+0.22	1.12
American	56.04	59.62	-0.10	0.05
Emerging Mkts	107.80	114.68	-0.19	0.44
UK Smaller Cos	34.79	37.00	-0.22	1.46
Gilt/Fixed Interest	28.91	30.76	-0.04	5.19
Global PEP	41.96	44.63	-0.04	1.40

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA
0256 768 888

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	258.40	276.90	+1.00	0.70
Japan Inc	108.10	115.60	-0.40	..
Nth American Inc	119.10	128.00	-0.50	0.12
Worldwide Inc	173.50	185.90	-0.60	0.67
Hong Kong Inc	179.80	193.00	-6.10	0.81
Swiss Equities Inc	69.74	74.77	+1.08	0.34
Wwide Bond Inc	66.93	70.93	-0.05	6.22
Emging Asia Inc	227.60	243.30	-1.50	0.37
UK Money Mkt Inc	51.07	51.09	..	5.41
Thailand Inc	162.70	175.80	+2.00	0.75
Gold Trust Inc	84.78	91.39	-1.15	0.19
New Zealand Inc	98.74	105.70	-0.60	0.45
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	69.85	75.44	+0.47	3.55
Latin Am Cmp Inc	108.30	115.80	+0.10	0.03
UK All Sh Mstr Inc	63.36	68.10	+0.62	1.88
Le Fond Francais	72.91	78.33	+0.01	0.37
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	93.80	99.63	-0.34	1.41
Global Portfolio	76.61	81.94	-0.35	..
Global Opps	76.17	81.47	-0.50	0.43
Marsh Global Gnth	73.21	77.63	-0.61	1.78
AAM Global Equity	80.62	84.20	-0.32	0.74
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	97.09	104.80	-1.20	0.85
CAM Brit Inc Inc	49.20	51.95	-1.02	1.93
CAM Intl Recvy Inc	52.27	56.67	+0.74	0.09
Temple Equity Inc	51.01	55.49	-0.30	2.66
Hanley Growth	84.16	89.53	+0.49	1.17
Intl Growth Inc	86.03	92.65	..	1.39
IPS Portfolio Inc	93.69	100.33	-0.20	0.22
St Jms Mu Inc Inc	52.41	54.89	...	...
Premier Perfms Inc	74.19	79.35	-0.14	0.35
Roxburgh Strat Gth	78.81	84.29	-0.30	0.73
Tech Analysis	113.70	121.00	+1.40	0.74
Rosebery Growth	45.32	49.11	+1.01	...
International Strat	83.31	89.10	-0.70	...
UFC Ind-Act Grth	58.87	62.94	-0.13	...
Coverdale Topous	55.19	59.55	-0.27	...
Prem Equity Inc	100.90	107.40	+0.90	...
Lowes Intl Growth	48.52	51.07	-0.30	...

PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA
071 588 3963

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth	178.10	189.50	+1.60	1.76
European Gth	99.19	106.00	+1.10	0.42
Income & Gth	147.60	157.00	+1.10	2.37
Japan Gth	129.00	136.60	+0.30	...
Nth Amer Gth	123.00	130.90	+0.70	...
Overseas Gth	92.18	98.04	+0.30	...

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricelink: 0426 925 091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	38.32	40.98	+0.10	1.33
Cash Haven Inc	100.90	101.40	+0.01	4.10
Cash Haven Acc	107.98	108.51	+0.01	4.10
Global Growth	94.30	100.85	-0.49	0.79
Equity Inc	92.64	99.08	-0.82	3.20
Equity	774.78	828.64	+8.09	2.10
European	213.37	228.30	+2.10	0.77
High Income	99.50	106.41	+0.67	3.82
Intl Grth	190.12	203.33	+0.29	0.93
Intl Sm Co	84.12	89.96	+0.03	0.21
Japanese	214.09	228.93	-0.27	...
Nth Amer	166.12	177.66	+0.36	0.68
Pacific Mkts	112.47	120.28	-3.86	0.69
Premier Inc	52.72	54.89	-0.06	5.86
Sm Cos	99.88	106.82	+0.24	1.74
Spec Sits	117.73	125.91	+1.24	1.93
UK Growth	128.48	137.41	+1.49	1.89

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
0892 510 033

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Life	329.90	350.00	+2.70	2.72
Reliance Inc	184.60	196.30	+1.60	2.33

ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	104.20	110.60	-1.00	1.76

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4
Dealers: 071 280 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA America (Inc)	545.90	581.80	+3.73	0.55
FA America (Acc)	636.18	677.97	+4.35	0.55
FA UK Equity Inc	172.36	184.00	+1.82	2.91
FA Japan	289.82	308.95	-0.13	...
FA Major UK Cos	102.98	109.98	+1.14	1.90
FA Smllr UK Cos	325.09	352.61	+1.11	0.73
FA European	317.46	335.91	+1.30	0.57
FA Amer Smllr Cos	48.68	52.13	+0.30	...
FA Asia	57.12	61.57	-0.96	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	54.23	57.84	+0.43	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	101.09	106.40	+1.09	...
UK Smllr Cos	91.78	96.60	+0.30	...
UK Income	98.89	104.09	+1.03	...
America	108.99	114.72	+0.74	...
Japanese	63.56	66.90	-0.03	...
European	100.65	105.94	+0.41	...
Gilt	89.65	94.37	-0.24	...
Deposit	79.44	83.62	+0.01	...
Managed	104.09	109.52	+0.62	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	98.65	103.82	+1.07	...
UK Smaller Cos	89.89	94.61	+0.29	...
UK Income	96.70	101.78	+1.01	...
America	106.35	111.94	+0.72	...
Japanese	62.04	65.30	-0.03	...
European	98.36	103.42	+0.40	...
Gilt	88.47	93.12	-0.34	...
Deposit	75.94	79.93	...	...
Managed	98.77	103.96	+0.69	...

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000
Dealing: 0733 393 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United States	76.25	81.39	+0.53	0.11
Pacific Basin	89.89	96.51	-0.46	...
High Inc Dist	139.30	148.70	+1.20	4.08
Ryl Life Intl Ctnry	63.49	67.50	-0.81	3.33
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	71.14	75.84	+0.30	0.31
Ryl Life Intl Spec	65.75	69.94	-0.13	...
UK Emerging Cos	130.90	141.50	-0.60	1.33
UK Index Trckg	177.40	189.00	-4.10	2.96
European	125.30	134.30	+1.40	0.28
Managed	152.30	163.70	+0.90	0.78

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester C01 1RA
0206 764 400

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	155.40	164.40	-0.10	0.27
European Growth	111.30	117.60	+0.40	0.49
Far East Growth	149.80	159.40	-1.60	...
Japan Growth	153.40	162.90	-1.90	...
Special Sits	214.80	228.50	+0.70	1.14
UK Growth	82.27	87.52	+0.59	1.64
Triton General	250.60	266.60	...	0.27

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS
041 307 6500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East Inc	192.90	204.10	-1.10	0.36
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	356.40	377.10	-0.80	0.01
Growth Inc	133.70	141.50	-0.60	0.20
International Inc	347.20	367.40	-0.10	0.10
Nth Am & Intl Inc	334.40	353.90	-2.50	0.09
UK Gen Prog Inc	224.30	237.20	+0.60	0.59
UK High Inc Inc	148.80	157.50	+1.00	3.21

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ
071 330 0572

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	67.19	71.48	-0.98	...
Amer Smllr Cos	87.17	92.74	-1.10	...
Asian Gwth	125.63	133.64	-1.13	0.75
European Gwth	71.62	76.19	+0.30	1.00
Global Bd	63.93	67.57	-0.17	5.00
Global Eq	71.64	76.21	+0.80	0.50
Japanese Eq	61.20	65.11	+0.40	...
Japan Sm Cos	72.37	76.99	...	...
UK Gen	58.59	62.33	+0.37	2.80
UK Gwth	63.75	67.82	+0.40	1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766 966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Gwth	74.24	78.96	+0.32	3.69
Amer Smllr Cos	115.40	122.80	+1.50	...
Asian Smaller Cos	63.40	67.45	+0.21	...
Capital Portfolio	139.80	148.70	+1.20	1.62
Capital	174.40	185.50	+1.50	0.93
Cash	121.90	121.90	...	5.09
China Dragon	75.03	79.82	-2.42	0.63
Commodity	136.50	145.20	+1.80	0.54
Eastern Discovery	123.70	131.60	-0.30	...
Energy Inds	124.00	131.90	-0.40	0.16
European Gwth	198.20	210.80	+1.20	0.09
Euro Inc & Gwth	82.39	87.65	+0.19	1.42
Euro Smllr Cos	53.90	57.34	+0.36	...
Financial Secs	216.20	230.00	+1.60	0.53
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	54.47	57.51	-0.02	7.38
Gold & Exploration	86.87	92.42	+1.52	0.28
High Return	249.30	265.20	+1.60	3.00
High Yield	245.90	261.60	+2.30	3.21
Income	129.90	138.20	+0.90	3.97
Intl Bond	178.80	189.00	...	5.13
ITU	225.80	240.20	+2.50	0.49
Japan Growth	179.90	191.40	+0.90	...
Japan Smaller	207.60	220.90	+1.90	...
Korea	86.09	91.58	+2.34	...
Masterfund	58.83	62.59	+0.99	0.72
Scotbits	321.50	342.00	+2.40	0.83
Scotshares	310.00	329.80	+2.90	1.49
Scotyields	256.60	273.00	+2.40	3.43
Select Intl	153.90	163.70	+0.60	0.51
Smaller Cos Inc	276.30	293.90	-0.20	3.27
SE Asia	681.40	724.90	-6.40	...
Special Situation	131.80	139.90	+0.90	0.49
UK Equity	261.20	277.90	+3.80	2.36
UK Growth	71.26	75.81	+0.67	1.33
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	52.01	55.33	...	0.96
US Growth	154.80	164.70	+1.70	0.10
Univ Growth	153.70	163.50	+0.80	0.33

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Retail Funds				
American	261.51	277.98	+0.48	0.63
Australian	...	...	...	
European Gwth	75.59	80.50	+0.45	0.55
Euro Smllr Cos	73.57	78.47	+0.39	0.06
Far Eastern Gth	107.85	115.03	-0.73	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	57.39	60.91	+0.13	6.77
Global Bond	55.43	57.29	-0.24	5.09
Global Emer Mkts	66.60	71.04	-0.03	0.59
Income	389.75	415.71	+3.13	3.11
Japan Smllr Cos	509.00	542.93	-2.87	...
Japan Enterprise	74.09	79.02	+0.05	...
Pacific Gwth	148.09	157.96	-1.08	...
Seoul	60.99	65.68	+1.05	...
Smaller Cos	234.23	249.84	-0.77	0.48
Tokyo	126.24	134.65	-0.91	...
UK Enterprise	262.60	280.10	+1.88	1.87
UK Equity	256.83	273.95	+1.96	2.15
US Smllr Cos	162.13	172.93	+0.53	...
World Fd	85.49	91.16	+0.38	1.61
Institutional Funds				
European	238.18	248.10	+2.18	1.10
Euro Smllr Cos	30.00	31.25	+0.06	1.46
Global Equity Inc	81.64	85.04	+0.20	0.54
Japan Smllr Cos	39.35	40.98	-0.04	0.05
Mngd Balanced	198.33	206.59	+0.70	2.29
Overseas Equity	194.95	203.07	+0.23	0.56
Oseas Smllr Cos	130.41	135.84	+0.32	0.24
Pacific	282.93	294.71	-3.81	0.62
Recovery	2114.6	2202.8	+8.36	2.23
UK Index	164.64	171.50	+1.22	2.58
UK Small Cos	127.85	133.17	-0.81	2.32
US Smllr Cos	46.27	48.19	+0.18	0.14

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	54.85	58.41	+0.56	2.82
Equity Trust	63.15	67.26	+0.63	2.01
Equity Strategy	74.97	79.84	+0.80	0.85
European Opps	87.81	93.51	+0.76	0.49
UK Smaller Cos	71.32	75.96	+0.14	0.91
Maximum Income	97.91	100.43	+0.01	4.98
Japanese	80.58	85.82	+0.32	0.01
Asia Pacific	144.62	154.23	-1.48	0.47
American	111.29	118.51	+0.57	0.16

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	29.91	29.91	...	4.767
UK General Inc	56.09	59.81	+0.41	2.14
Intl Income	297.40	317.20	-0.40	2.68
European	77.96	82.50	-0.86	1.20
Japan	73.42	77.94	+0.07	0.04
American	70.49	74.74	-0.60	1.13
Far East	103.46	110.36	+0.11	0.45
Ethical Inc	34.03	36.40	+0.08	1.48
UK Blue Chip Inc	34.94	37.31	+0.22	2.30
High Inc Inc	40.24	42.92	-0.22	3.04
UK Global Inc	42.97	45.92	+0.24	1.09
Wwide Tact	82.30	88.03	-0.14	0.15
Europe 2000 Tact	54.83	58.20	+0.27	0.00
Technology	108.72	115.97	+0.39	0.23

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	408.80	436.20	+4.30	2.34
American	284.10	301.70	+0.20	0.49
Pacific	430.40	460.30	-6.10	0.46
European	347.20	369.20	+3.30	0.82
Worldwide	99.48	106.40	...	0.65

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	292.20	310.00	+2.00	1.76
UK Str Co Eq Inc	224.70	239.10	-0.10	1.21
Select Opptnty Inc	75.04	80.26	-0.22	1.61
Income Plus Inc	78.33	83.33	+0.42	3.34
European Inc	357.00	379.80	+4.10	0.99
Far Eastern Inc	194.40	206.80	-1.80	0.53
Japanese Inc	67.28	71.58	-0.23	..
Nth American Inc	266.60	282.60	+2.30	0.39
Intl Growth Inc	220.70	234.80	+1.50	0.70
Wwide Venture Inc	86.16	91.67	-0.72	1.16

SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2340

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Growth Inc	25.72	27.53	+0.14	2.40
Intl Growth Inc	33.20	35.57	+0.15	0.52
Market Leaders Inc	24.40	26.12	-0.14	2.41

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031 668 3724

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Inc	398.50	425.00	-2.30	2.55
UK High Inc	206.00	219.70	-1.60	3.25
Europe Inc	347.20	370.30	-2.30	0.66
Nth Amer Inc	228.30	243.40	+2.30	...
Global Inc	225.50	240.40	+0.80	0.84
UK Spec Sits Inc	114.30	121.90	+0.70	2.57
South East Asia	250.00	266.60	-0.70	1.88
Cash Trust Inc	100.80	100.80	+0.10	4.46
UK Smllr Cos Inc	118.30	126.00	-0.10	1.45
Intl Bond Inc	101.00	107.20	-0.20	5.82

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sector Recovery	180.80	189.90	+0.40	3.51

SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton Brentwood Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	128.30	134.90	+1.70	0.76
Nth American	109.80	115.60	-0.30	0.41
Intl Bond & Conv	139.30	146.60	+0.30	4.23
Pooled Pension (£)	198.90	212.80		
Smaller Cos	77.96	82.06	+0.11	1.05
UK General	139.50	146.80	-0.90	1.76

SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	451.50	480.32	+5.37	3.94
Global Inc	72.58	77.21	+0.45	2.43
Brit Leaders	355.79	378.50	+4.61	2.13
Intl Leaders	216.93	230.78	-1.96	0.58
PAM Mg Bal Grth	66.84	71.52	-0.21	0.99

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European ‡	122.80	..	-0.40	..
Global Bond ‡	106.80	..	-0.10	4.98
Samurai ‡	94.82	..	-0.33	..
UK Growth ‡	121.40	..	-0.90	3.25
Tai Pan ‡	116.90	..	-0.20	..

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS
071 637 5377

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	310.40	328.40	-0.90	0.30
Canadian	83.27	88.12	-1.12	0.18
Capital	142.90	153.30	-0.60	0.89
Cash	101.67	101.67	+0.01	4.67
European	137.10	145.00	+0.80	0.20
Far Eastern	188.20	199.10	-2.00	...
Growth	156.80	165.80	+0.30	0.76
Income	140.90	149.10	+1.00	4.00
Magnum	153.30	164.50	-0.70	0.86
Smllr Secs	404.00	427.50	+0.70	0.36
Thoroughbred	177.40	190.50	+0.90	0.73

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth
0202 298 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	50.09	50.59	...	4.05
Chrsfld Prmnce	62.33	66.46	+0.16	7.10
Ethical	63.69	67.75	+0.40	2.90
European Growth	74.46	79.42	+0.52	2.10
Income	61.44	65.53	+0.46	5.00
Intl Growth	101.30	108.00	-0.30	2.40
Managed	85.32	91.01	+0.53	3.00
UK Growth	67.06	71.53	+0.61	3.30

STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD
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Thanks to the success of Middlemarch on screen. Dorothea will always be Juliet Aubrey



Spielberg adds heart to art for Oskar

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** marvels as the director behind big-hit aliens and dinosaurs climbs a personal mountain with the fine *Schindler's List*

Only a schizophrenic, you might think, could move directly from *Jurassic Park* to the Holocaust agony of **Schindler's List**. For that was Steven Spielberg's production schedule: high-tech junk one minute, a human document for all time the next, worth a staggering 12 Oscar nominations.

Spielberg had, in fact, been pondering adapting Thomas Keneally's novel (*Schindler's Ark* in Europe) since 1982. The conjunction with dinosaurs was an accident of timing. Yet you still wonder about the mind that could switch gears so abruptly, and effectively, from monsters squashing cardboard humans to the Nazis burning Europe's Jews.

Not that seriousness and Spielberg need be incompatible. He has filmed *The Color Purple* and *Empire of the Sun*: worthy novels both, although the director's tendency to sock his points home tarnished them onscreen. *Schindler's List*, by comparison, is a model of restraint.

The images are chiefly in crisp black-and-white. For more than three hours you sit, with no wriggling, as the true tale unfolds of Oskar Schindler, Nazi businessman, war profiteer and saviour of more than a thousand Jews who worked in his factory in occupied Poland. The central performances of Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley burn themselves on your mind. The film's epic sweep and grasp of detail are exemplary, while some scenes could make even a lump of granite weep. This is Spielberg's most grown-up film.

Immaculately dressed, with a dark, gravelly voice, Liam Neeson exudes mystery and charisma as the gregarious businessman who takes over an enamelware factory in Krakow and begins using Jewish labour to maximise profits (they do not need to be paid). Ben Kingsley, as Itzhak Stern, is the loyal factory manager who helps prick Schindler's conscience, while Ralph Fiennes creates an indelible portrait of rampant evil as the debauched SS commandant of the forced labour camp nearby. When the Final Solution looms, Schindler bargains his way into moving the factory to the Polish-Czech border, creating a list of "essential" workers totalling over 1,100, all saved from the gas chambers.

Spielberg has spoken about being a journalist rather than a film-maker, using hand-held cameras to catch events on the wing rather than heightening the suspense, action or pathos. The manipulative Spielberg style may be held back, but it peeps out nonetheless. Artfulness surfaces in the treatment of children, the smart cross-cutting, and the dream-like appearance of Auschwitz, almost pretty in the falling snow. Compared to the horrifying footage gathered in Resnais' *Night and Fog* and many other documentaries, *Schindler's List* takes place in Disneyland.

But the gloss paint should not obscure Spielberg and scriptwriter Steven Zaillian's large success in creating a three-hour film on an oppressive subject that can educate, entertain, and keep the audience mesmerised.

Only at the very end does the spell perhaps fade. Stripped of his ambiguity, Schindler is now the enthroned hero. Images and words turn stiff, a colour epilogue jars, and the final credit reveals that the film is dedicated not, as expected, to Schindler himself, or the Holocaust's victims, but to the memory of Time Warner Inc's former chairman Steve Ross: a strange conclusion.

Given the time Robert De Niro has spent pounding Martin Scorsese's mean streets, we all thought we knew what his directorial debut **A Bronx Tale** would be like: more blood, spaghetti and meatballs.

But De Niro refreshingly proves to be his own man. The violence and ethnic colour are present, to be sure, yet there is a lightness, a sweetness, to this impressive tale of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys that Scorsese would find hard to supply.

De Niro is the father, Lorenzo, scraping an honest living as a bus driver in the Bronx of the 1960s. The son, Calogero, grows up torn between his father's dull work ethic and the glamour of Chazz Palminteri's Sonny, the local hoodlum who haunts the sidewalks. De Niro tells his son: "The working guy, *he's* the tough guy", but the message has a hard time getting through when Calogero watches how nonchalantly Sonny drives his luxury car backwards block after block.

Palminteri, who is the also film's scriptwriter, certainly believes the message himself. He created the material out of childhood memories to champion the ordinary worker in Italian-American neighbourhoods. It began as a monologue, then grew into a one-man show, although no trace of theatre remains. The screen vibrates with period detail, found or re-created in New York locations; the soundtrack dances with vintage pop. Yet this is far more than a feast of nostalgia: there is a moral dimension to Calogero's story that makes the film linger when the doo-wop sounds have faded.

De Niro picked a marvellous array of unknown faces to play the wiseguys with Runyonesque names such as JoJo the Whale, Frankie Coffeecake and Tony Toupee. Calogero, aged nine, is played by an appealing lad named Francis Capra: aged 17 he becomes Lillo Brancato, a young actor eerily similar to De Niro, facial mole included. But no one swamps the ensemble, least of all De Niro, who modestly gave himself the script's quietest role. This is a most attractive film, and it will be fascinating to see what the maestro directs next.

If Oscars were won for the numbers of words spoken per second, ...**a Crise** would easily romp home with the statuette. In Colin Serreau's ebullient social comedy (released more than a year ago in France), they pour forth in a torrent: words of racist abuse, bourgeois complaint, domestic bickering. The subtitles pant to keep up.

Vincent Lindon's hero, a corporate lawyer, loses his job and his wife in the same morning. But all the people he turns to for sympathy only shout about their own woes. Until, that is, he meets Patrick Timsit's Michou, a roly-poly simpleton who tags along with a listening ear and puts his problems in perspective.

La Crise bowls along happily most of the time: the camera darting, the characters pacing, the strands of plot building nicely, the acute social comedy a joy to watch. Once Michou arrives, the pace slackens and some woolly sentiment creeps in, just as in Serreau's last feature *Romuald and Juliette*. But there are still enough set pieces — a hilarious dinner with a Socialist congressman, Michou's attempt at answering business calls — to make *La Crise* well worth a visit. Hollywood, no doubt, is already plotting an inferior remake.

Flight of the Innocent, an Italian film from 1992, already seems half-American with its hard-driven pace, low plausibilty, and bombardment of camera tricks. In subject matter, though, Carlo Carlei's debut feature might be a typical art house product.

A young boy from Calabria sees his family wiped out in a fight between kidnapping clans. He takes flight through the hills, eyes wide in wonder, reaches Rome and points north, although a scarfaced villain is always on his trail.

There are the seeds here for a much better film. Kidnapping and children in peril are potent themes, and in Manuel Colao the director has succeeded in finding a ten-year-old boy who is sweet without being sugary. But the vulgarity of the film's visual style stunts its growth. Five out of ten. Mr Carlei.

Schindler's List
Empire, 15, 195 mins
Spielberg's mighty Holocaust epic

A Bronx Tale
Odeon West End
18, 121 mins
De Niro's attractive directing debut

La Crise
Odeon Haymarket
15, 95 mins
Whirlwind French social comedy

Flight of the Innocent
Metro, 18, 105 mins
Italian urchin flees family tragedy



Any distraction is put to use in the battle of wits between the Nazi commandant Amon Goeth (Ralph Fiennes, left), and Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson)

New voices in the wilderness

The Budapest and Rotterdam film festivals highlight challenging work — and threatened directors

THE Budapest Film Week, this year celebrating its 30th anniversary, boldly invites international critics to view the year's entire national production — a total of 25 features and more than a hundred shorts and documentaries.

Given the expected ratio of masterpieces to dogs in any country's production, this is no small challenge: and to field at least half-a-dozen films at least worth consideration, as Hungary did this year, is a creditable achievement. Three of them are being shown in the Berlin festival.

The most wholly satisfying film of this year's crop is the 30-year-old János Szász's **Woyzeck**, the fifth adaptation of Buchner's play since the Second World War. Angry and cheerless as it is, *Woyzeck* (unfinished at Buchner's death at 23 in 1837, and only published 32 years later) has an enduring attraction and a relevance that seems always renewable, so long as society creates its outcasts.

Szász sets the story somewhere in the 20th century, and transforms Woyzeck from a simple soldier into a railwayman who sits all day in a kennel at a great railway junction, guarding switch number 426. He is terrorised by the grandly condescending station master who humiliates him over the public address system. His wife, meanwhile, idly deceives him with a bullying policeman.

The leading actor, Lajos Kovacs, gives Woyzeck a mute imprisoned madness that becomes terrifying with his ultimate cold explosion of vengeance. The film is outstanding, though, for the visual style achieved by Szász and his cinematographer Tibor Mathe. Using as settings only the geometric vistas and rusting iron structures of an actual railyard, they create their own world, strange, spectacular and aesthetically thrilling.

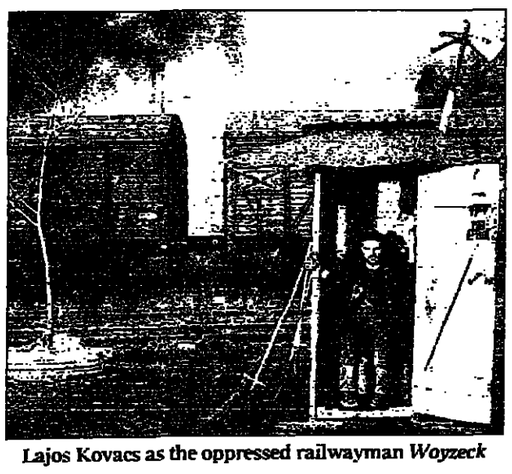
Woyzeck apart, the most interesting Hungarian films of the season are those which at least attempt to grasp the problems of the cataclysmic transition after socialism. János Rosza's **Goodnight, Sweet Prince** centres on a group of children whose passion for video-recording confuses their distinction between reality and fiction.

Pal Erdoss's **A Light-Sensitive Story** is a portrait of a young woman who is incapable of adjusting to the new social situations that she suffers in private crisis and records in her job as press photographer.

In **Death in Shallow Water** Imre Gyongyossy and Barna Kabay apply the technique of popular thriller to a story about the persistence of the KGB techniques and personnel in the new Europe.

This indicates an effort to woo a notably faithless audience. The saddest aspect of the Budapest Film Week is that very few Hungarians will see even the best of these films in the cinema. A major success can attract an audience of a quarter of a million: but most are seen by as few as 500 people.

But this, after all, is not a peculiarly Hungarian problem. The battle for audiences in the face of the overwhelming attraction of American pictures is pan-European.



Lajos Kovacs as the oppressed railwayman *Woyzeck*

NO FEWER than three out of the five films nominated for the Oscar for best foreign film come from southeast Asia — confirming, if anyone still doubted it, that this region is now the centre of some of the world's liveliest and most original film-making. As further proof, the programme of this year's Rotterdam Film Festival included 30 new films from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

In mainland China, though, the new cinema does not flourish unrestrained: and Rotterdam this year looked like a battlefield in an escalating war between China and its film-makers. The government has grown increasingly uneasy as directors have become increasingly outspoken about contemporary conditions and recent history, at the same time seeking independence through co-production funding from Taiwan, Hong Kong and Japan.

To add to the government's troubles, a Sixth Generation of film-makers has emerged, like hydra heads, from the students who graduated in the fateful year of 1989. Rejected by the studios, they begged and borrowed minimal funds to create, for the first time, an independent cinema in China.

The pioneer was the enfant terrible Zhang Yuan, whose films have dealt with taboo social subjects: in *Mama*, he tackled mental sickness, in *Beijing Bastards*, the young outsiders around a rock group.

Rotterdam featured several new independents. He Yi's **Red Beads** is about the mutual fascination of a young male nurse and a woman mental patient. As they come to share each other's dreams the film touches surrealism, although at the same time we are invited to see, in the closed world of the hospital, a metaphor for China itself.

Wang Xiaoshua's **The Days**, made for a derisive $10,000, is a lyrical, sour-sweet love story of two poor art students in contemporary Peking.

In **1966 — My Time With the Red Guards**, a Japanese-financed documentary, veterans of the Cultural Revolution expose the full terror of a tyranny wielded by brainwashed children.

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Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight and Sat, 7.30pm. [S]

JOHN WILLIAMS: A mini-series of recitals from the inimitable musician spans the entire guitar repertoire. He offers a baroque programme this evening, followed by Spanish and Paraguayan pieces and finally a contemporary programme, including two premieres.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, Sat and next Wed, 7.30pm. [S]

THE KITCHEN: First night of previews for Stephen Daldry's in-the-round Arnold Wesker. The stalls will not be in use; there is seating on the stage at Dress Circle level, and a kitchen on scaffolding in between, with 30 chefs rushing manically about.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Tonight-Tue, 7.30pm. Opens Feb 22.

ELSEWHERE

PLYMOUTH: *Jane Howells and Robert Dawes play the unlikely mid-life lovers who first meet in a swimming pool.*

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

William Humble's new comedy **How Was It For You?**
Drum Theatre, Royal Parade (0752 267222). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.45pm. Until Mar 5. [S]

MANCHESTER: Among this week's highlights of **Northern Lights** — the city's celebration of its musical creativity — are a concert of music by Nigel Osborne and Bartok, given by the Chetham's Symphony Orchestra under Diego Masson (RNCM, Thurs); a lunchtime recital of contemporary works by the RNCM Wind Ensemble (Studio 7, Fri); and also on Friday Sir Peter Maxwell Davies conducts the BBC Philharmonic in his own *Caroline Mathilde Suite No 2* and *Strathclyde Cello Concerto No 2* (with Ralph Kirshbaum the soloist) and in Stravinsky's *Agon* and *Movements for Piano and Orchestra* (RNCM).
Box Office information: RNCM (061-273 4504); Studio 7 Concert Hall (061-200 2001).

LEICESTER: *First night of previews for the Haymarket's adaptation of Stephen King's thriller masterpiece* **Misery**.
John Adams directs Rupert Fraser and Maggie McCarthy as the hapless author and his number one fan.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate, (0533 539797). Previews, 7.30pm. Opens Feb 22, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Until March 12. [S]

SHEFFIELD: The Chicago-based Steppenwolf company brought **The Grapes Of Wrath** to the National five years ago. Now Michael Rudman directs this epic work, with Bill Stewart, Charlotte Cornwell, Patrick O'Kane and plenty of cajun and blue grass music.
Crucible, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Feb 22, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Mar 2 and 12, 2.30pm. Until March 12. [S]

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■ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY**: Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **APRIL IN PARIS**: Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman in John Godber's simplistic play about the benefits of travel.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm and Sun 4pm.

■ **CABARET**: Jane Horrocks (Sally Bowles) and Alan Cumming as the MC, dancing with death in the last days before Hitler.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, Sat 3pm.

◪ **ENDGAME**: Opening night for Peter Bourke and John Quentin as Hamm and Clov in a rare Beckett revival, the original dustbin play.
BAC Studio 2, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, Sun 5.30pm. [S]

□ **GORMENGHAST**: Last chance to see the David Glass Ensemble and their strikingly staged version of the Mervyn Peake novel. Final week.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

□ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE**: Suave and stinging, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 6pm and 8.30pm.

◪ ***THE LIFE OF GALILEO***: *David Hare's new version of the Brecht.* Richard Griffiths plays the worldly-wise scientist hamstrung by the Inquisition.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 4pm. [S]

◪ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE**: *French and Saunders in wretchedly* lightweight US play about lesbian fantasies.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs 8pm; Fri, Sat 6pm and 8.45pm.

□ **THE NEW MENOZA**: First in the Gate's season of 18th-century 'Age of Un-Reason' drama. Jacob Lenz's hero is an oriental traveller trying to apply good sense to the manic crises of a small German town.
Gate, Pembridge Rd, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until March 19.

□ **PIAF**: Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm.

□ **SCHIPPEL, THE PLUMBER**: Revival of Jeremy Sams' joyous production of Sternheim: a snobbish vocal quartet is obliged to cross class barriers to recruit a vital tenor. James Saxon leads the almost unchanged cast.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2pm. Until Feb 26. [S]

□ **SEPTEMBER TIDE**: Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion stars Susannah York and Michael Praed.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm.

□ **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: Michael Hastings' drama, set in 1940 among a group of aristocrats nervously awaiting Hitler's invasion. Philip Voss and Toby Stephens head an excellent cast.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. [S]

◪ **WICKED, YAAR!**: Opening venue for the National Theatre's educational tour of Garry Lyons's bhangra-pulsing play about British Asians.
Watermans, Brentford High Road (081-568 1176). *Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm*; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ETHAN FROME: Over-polite version of Edith Wharton's grim novel of thwarted love, with Liam Neeson, Joan Allen, Patricia Arquette. John Madden directs.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232)

◆ **FREE WILLY** (U): Tearaway kid finds his soulmate: a surly amusement park whale. Family film that aims low and hits. Simon Wincer directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **UCI Trocadero** [S] (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3303) **Warner** [S] (071-439 4343)

◆ **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER** (15): Father and son share a prison cell. Jim Sheridan's powerful, urgent film stars Daniel Day-Lewis and Pete Postlethwaite.
MGMs: Fulham Road [S] (071-370 2636) (Screens 3 and 4 only) **Trocadero** [S] (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3303) **Warner** [S] (071-439 4343)

◆ **THE THREE MUSKETEERS** (PG): Noisy, youthful and empty new version of Dumas's tale, with Kiefer Sutherland, Charlie Sheen, Chris O'Donnell.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** [S] (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332) **Warner** [S] (071-439 4343)

CURRENT

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915683)

◆ **BHAJI ON THE BEACH** (15): Laboured, well-meaning ethnic comedy about Asian women on a day trip to Blackpool. *Director, Gurinder Chadha.*
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

BODIES, REST & MOTION (15): A likable cast, but a hollow film about rootless lives. Michael Steinberg directs Bridget Fonda, Tim Roth, Eric Stoltz.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** [S] (071-434 0031) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **THE HOUR OF THE PIG** (15): Medieval romp with serious twinges, ideal for BBC2. With Colin Firth, Nicol Williamson; director, Leslie Megahey.
Barbican [S] (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

◆ **MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY** (PG): Woody Allen and Diane Keaton turn amateur sleuths. Benign, involving comedy with Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** [S] (071-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426-915 353) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ ***MALICE*** (15): Alec Baldwin's hot-shot doctor shatters Nicole Kidman and Bill Pullman's domestic bliss. Shallow, serpentine and stupefying thriller; director, Harold Becker.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Oxford Street** *(071-636 0310)* **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Mezzanine** [S] (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332)

◆ **MRS DOUBTFIRE** (12): Divorced dad gets hired as the family's housekeeper. Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams. With Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan. Director, Chris Columbus.
Barbican [S] (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** *(071-352 5098)* **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** [S] (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332)

◆ **A PERFECT WORLD** (15): Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child, and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Thoughtful if overstretched drama. *Eastwood also directs.*
MGM Trocadero [S] (071-434 0031) **Warner** [S] (071-437 4343)

PROVIDENCE (15): Alain Resnais's elegant enigma of 1977, with John Gielgud as the dying writer weaving his family (Dirk Bogarde and others) into his fiction.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

◆ **WAYNE'S WORLD 2** (PG): The dude duo mount a rock concert. Stephen Surjik's silly but sweet comedy sequel with Mike Myers, Dana Carvey.
MGMs Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** [S] (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** [S] (071-434 0031) **Empire** [S] (0800 888911) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332)

OPERA: David Leveaux's unconventional staging of Benjamin Britten's disturbing masterpiece

Child is mother to the manifold

The Turn of the Screw
Tramway, Glasgow

SCOTTISH Opera's new production of Britten's ever more uncomfortable masterpiece is the company's first foray with a major project into the amazing Tramway performance space. *It is also sponsored by the audience* — £45,000 has been raised mostly in little dribs plus one or two more substantial drabs. The auditorium of 630 was packed with a receptive and appreciative audience for Tuesday's opening.

The Tramway offers designers opportunities scarcely to be encountered in a conventional theatre. Vicki Mortimer covers the acting area with woodshavings (useful for burying dolls or stolen letters in) and frames it with a circular staircase and a bank of cloudy glass (useful for ghostly silhouettes). *Behind it all is a real lake, and watery* reflections are just one element in Alan Burrett's imaginative lighting plot. The chamber orchestra is to one side: singer-audience contact is ideally close, and the words are easily audible.

The Screw grows ever more uncomfortable both because of the Carpenter biography of the composer and because the whole issue of child abuse — not to mention criminal children — is now out in the open. The words and notes have always been a forest of ambiguity. Key lines can mean more *or less anything you want them to* mean. Here, Miles's climactic "Peter Quint, you devil" is addressed firmly to the dead valet, not to the Governess who has prised the name out of him.

Director David Leveaux, well-known to RSC and Almeida audiences but here undertaking his first opera, adds a number of ambiguities, obfuscations even, of his own. Before the opera starts, Miles and Flora, dressed as schoolchildren of today, are playing games. The tenor, also of today, sings the Prologue directly at Flora, rather *physically. The action then reverts to* Victorian dress. Is Leveaux implying some manner of cycle?

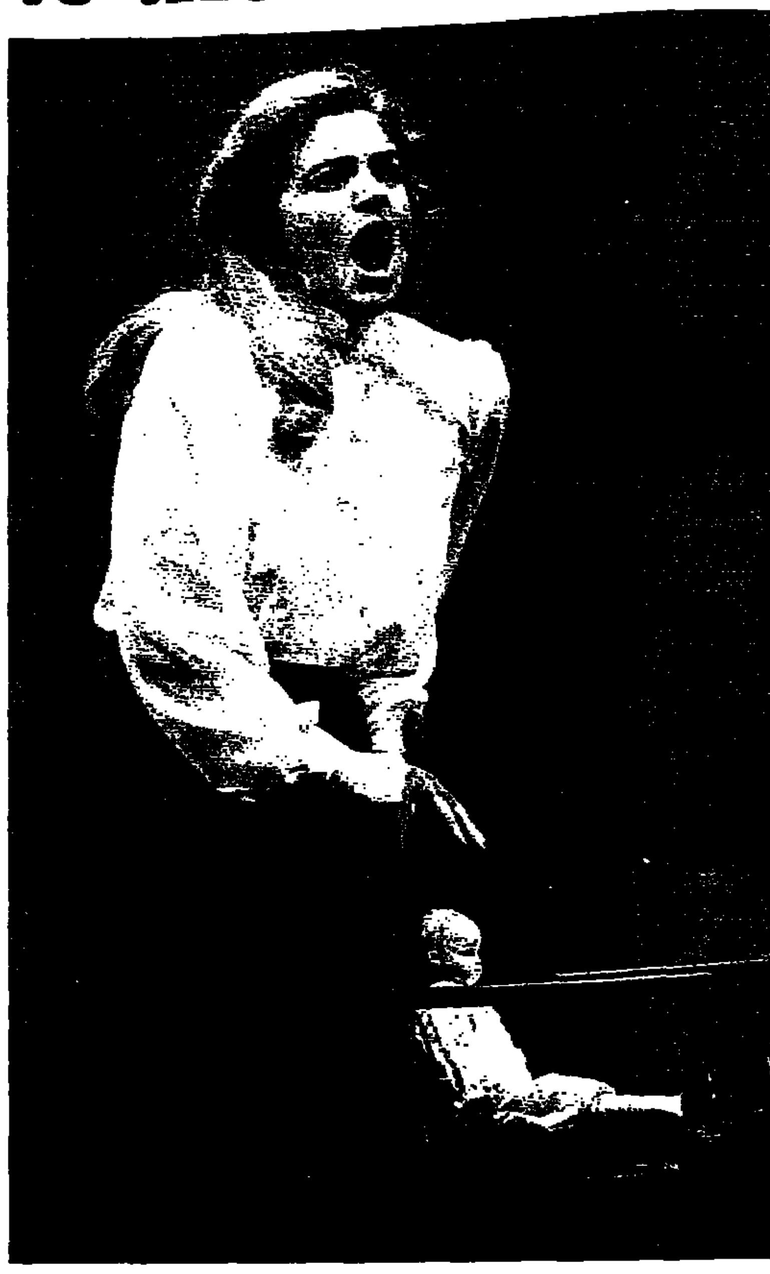
The way the Governess almost turns into Miss Jessel in the second act, the way she anticipates this by casually undoing buttons on her blouse and lying down in a state of abandonment *just before Quint's first appearance* suggests something of the sort. The way Quint at one point "emerges" out of the Governess suggests the kind of communal guilt also proposed by the final line "what have we done between us?" — the pronouns definitely embracing the audience.

If the children are victims — and their zombie-like, traumatised demeanour again suggests as much — need they be so overtly hostile to the new Governess? Could not what she perceives as Miles's "challenge" be a *desperate appeal for help? But the fact* that Miles is on stage before the first "haunting" in the Act I finale leaves teasingly open just who precisely is summoning whom.

The playing under Timothy Lole is efficient and upfront; there is more sheer creepiness to be found in the score than emerged here. There were some excellent performances, although as yet Leveaux is more an ideas man than a director of singers. Anne Williams-King would be an even better Governess if she "thought" her lines *more consistently: this would make her* words clearer, and help her breathing and musical line seem less mechanical. But all can be forgiven, for the way she lashed into her final "Malo" like an Isolde in extremis.

Philip Salmon's Prologue-Quint was expressively sung. Louise Kennedy-Richardson's Miss Jessel properly tormented, and Menai Davies's Mrs Grose a tower of strength. There have been Mileses with more robust tone than Colin McLean, but he got every word across. Perhaps the most extraor*dinary performance of all is the* withdrawn, haunted Flora of young Paula Bishop (she is still a student); the way she finally screamed abuse at the Governess, howling like a trapped animal, froze the blood in your veins.

RODNEY MILNES



Like an Isolde in extremis: Anne Williams-King as the Governess

CONCERT REVIEWS

The tribute of time

RPO/Handley
Festival Hall

WHAT better memorial for a musician than a dance to the music of time? On Saturday, Vernon Handley and the Royal Philharmonic dedicated an evening which celebrated the very element in which music exists to the memory of the conductor Norman Del Mar, who died on February 6. At opposite poles of the evening, yet closer than either of them might care to recognise, came Harrison Birtwistle and Ralph Vaughan Williams. The Birtwistle work was his melancholy sound frieze, *The Triumph of Time.*

One of the composer's most potent recent images of his own fascination with the exploration of time is probably the long round-dance of the seasons that dominates his opera *Gawain*. Here, though, as long ago as 1972, Birtwistle imagined time, in his own words, as a "slow, funereal procession". A vast orchestra with an immense percussion section is drawn upon selectively to evoke the foreground image of the procession, and *the background of "recurrent procedures that are continuously there, if only seasonally".*

The feeling of forward movement is inexorable; the rate of that movement and musical change is confidently uncertain. A reluctant harp pulse lurches out of a timeless void; timpani moan in upward and downward glissandi, as if seeking to free themselves from mere time. And all the while tension is built to breaking point until the little free-note figure, *first heard on saxophone, ends the* work, a constant, unravaged by time.

The Triumph of Time was one of several "satellite" works written during the composition of Birtwistle's opera *The Mask of Orpheus*; and it was another masque that faced it across the interval. *Job: A Masque for Dancing* was written by Vaughan Williams as a celebration of William Blake. Here, too, was the pulsing harp, the uneasy saxophone; here, too, the strange, contained dance of time, *resonating within the unique English*ness of the 17th-century masque with its formal sarabands, minuets, pavanes. The form and spirit of the music seemed, in this context, and in the lucid and evocative performance led by Handley, to be more significant than the story of Job which it plays out.

In between two works, each one of *which opens the ears anew to so much* within the other, came a sturdily impassioned performance of Elgar's *Introduction and Allegro for Strings*. It revealed the RPO in fighting form, playing as if determined to make defence against time's scythe itself.

HILARY FINCH

Elegant celebration

Allegri Quartet
Queen Elizabeth Hall

FORTY years of the Allegri Quartet were celebrated in a South Bank concert on Sunday at which the audience paid them an impromptu choral tribute by singing "Happy Birthday", adventurously harmonised in some parts of the hall. When the *original players first came together the* Amadeus was virtually the only British string quartet of distinction: nowadays there are more than half a dozen, some no doubt encouraged by the Allegri's example.

A mainstay is Bruno Schrecker, at 27 years their longest-serving present member, the warmth and resilience of whose Ruggieri cello underpinned the playing throughout. For Beethoven's late C-sharp minor Quartet (Op 131), which wisely began the programme while the audience was still fresh for the most challenging music, the cello line brought rhythmic and harmonic security to the musical edifice. The seven linked movements were distinguished by the quiet intensity of the ensemble at the outset, and the smooth dovetailing of phrases between Peter Carter's and David Roth's first and second violins respectively in the second movement, the incipient humour they, with Roger Tapping's viola, brought to the Presto movement, and their spacious overall view of a finale that was also filled with incisive detail.

If their command of so large-scale a structure was the most cogent feature of the performance they were no less convincing in the rhythmic elan and lyric grace given to the almost miniature charms of Wolf's *Italian Serenade*. This served as a beguiling prelude to the warm-hearted appeal of Dvořák's F-major Quartet (Op 96) known as the "American" from the place of its composition among an émigré Czech community in Iowa.

How much of the natural scene there found its way into the composition is open to speculation. But there is no question that a personal happiness of spirit infused the musical ideas, as it also did this performance, from the discreet tints of light and shade at the beginning to a finale of carefree exuberance. With playing of this elegance, the Allegri Quartet can look to another 40 years with confidence.

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Lisbon prepares to enjoy the limelight

The Portuguese capital is determined to make the most of its year as European City of Culture. **Michael Church** reports

One by one they march on stage, to strut their stuff in their own fashion. Glasgow really *had* become, in the words of its Saatchi publicity campaign, "miles better" by the end of 1990. Dublin, if anyone noticed, was a damp squib. Madrid in 1992 was eclipsed — irony of ironies — by the mega-junkets going on in her sister-cities of Seville and Barcelona. Antwerp, wearing Europe's cultural crown for 1993, had just completed a soberly successful performance.

But while Antwerp made a virtue of its low profile, celebrating the larger countries which had impinged on it, Lisbon is using its Cultural Capital of Europe label to push unashamedly for a higher profile of its own.

The city itself, with its dark glamour and endless architectural surprises, is billed as the primary work of art on show. The fire which reduced much of the Bairro Alto to ashes five years ago has its answer now in the Seventh Hill Project, which will buff up a neighbouring, and equally historic, quarter of the city to its pristine glow.

Two weeks before lift-off, the area is coming out in a rash of vivid greens, yellows, and salmon-pinks, these being the colours in which Lisbon's houses were often painted, before good taste arrived from northern Europe to dampen things down.

But you can't help noticing that the multi-cloured rash is flecked with mud: at this late date, the Seventh Hill is still a building site, with many of its prime exhibits clothed in scaffolding. Indeed, the whole city feels like a building site, with temporary hoardings hiding great holes in the ground, and some of its most famous monuments under renovatory wraps.

And you soon learn the reason. "Lisbon '94" is a joint venture between city hall and government, and the whole project has been hampered by political wrangles. Battle raged for a long while over who should head it, and during the run-up to last year's elections, many of the building works were frozen.

The cultural programme itself is far from finalised, and has been subject to a series of budget-cuts: the Portuguese recession is currently deepening. Maria Manuela Pinto Barbosa, who controls the theatre and dance programme, is still in frantic negotiations to bring in the six-hour *Oresteia* which Peter Stein recently staged in Moscow with a contemporary Russian slant. Peter Handke's play for 300 performers, *The Time When We Knew Nothing About One Another*, is definitely coming, but in which of its two versions she doesn't know yet.

She has clinched a deal to import the National Theatre production of *Angels In America*, but her worry here is the size of the audience. "Our public is a little conservative," she says wryly. "This will certainly perturb them, which will be no bad thing." Her prize production — a historical play about Jesuit missionaries in Brazil and the Inquisition at home — will also, she says, be the hardest for non-Portuguese audiences to grasp.

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I catch Jose Carlos Megre, the music director, hurrying from a meeting with orchestral players to a meeting with builders at his flagship theatre, the Coliseu. He has signed up a glittering array of soloists, orchestras and operas, but growls that if he had had three years to prepare his programme — rather than barely one — it would have been immeasurably better.

The jamboree will kick off with a gala performance by the London Symphony Orchestra at the Coliseu on February 26, during the interval of which the Portuguese president will pin a state decoration on the breast of Sir Georg Solti.

All will be fine on the night, Megre assures me, amid the clangour of welders and scaffolders in this splendid auditorium. A cross between the Round House and the Albert Hall, it boasts a roof by Eiffel (who has left other monuments in the city), and a tradition of popular entertainment which the current overhaul has been designed to preserve. With the door taken out, it will be easily transformable into a 3,500-seater circus.

This is just one of the outstanding auditoriums Lisbon now boasts. Recitals will be given in the mini-Versailles of Queluz and at the Gulbenkian Foundation, Portugal's unofficial arts ministry. Many events will take place at the Cultural Centre of Belem, a serene vision in sand-coloured stone which looks from the outside like a Saharan palace, and was created two years ago to mark Lisbon's six-month stint as EC capital. The exquisite Teatro de S Carlos has been given back its 18th-century gilding: the Gluck *Orfeo I saw there seemed* perfectly at home.

The S Carlos narrowly escaped the Bairro Alto fire. The Teatro Dona Maria II, now restored after its destruction in an earlier conflagration, has just offered — out of solidarity — to mount an exhibition of paintings saved from the recent blaze at the Barcelona Liceu.

To watch a show from your dining table at the refurbished Politeama theatre — a haunt of satirists under the Salazar regime, but now offering high-kicking glitz to rival *Crazy for You* — is to bask in preposterous (and absurdly cheap) luxury and elegance.

And with understandable opportunism, Lisbon has decided this year to incorporate the long-established festival 20 miles up the road in misty, hilly Sintra. The venues here are more exotic, and include the gardens of the Seteais Palace and the main hall of Pena Palace. This German folly grafted onto a medieval monastery with a Moorish inner courtyard springs from the same mad Romanticism as King Ludwig's castle in Bavaria.

Since fado, Lisbon's home-grown musical idiom, constitutes the greatest attraction — when you can find it — of the city's downtown bars, it is no surprise to find the cultural programme capitalising on this too. The dictionary definition of the word includes "fate, lot, destiny, doom", and when taken together these terms give an accurate whiff of its unique quality. To watch a succession of immaculately-dressed singers is to share in an arresting ritual of bitter-sweet nostalgia.

Ask the ebullient Professor Joaquim Pais de Brito (who is curating a big fado exhibition) where the art-form hails from, and you get a remarkably agnostic reply. It may have come from Africa via Brazil, or it may derive from Arabic sources. Then again, it may have come down from the troubadours, or from the Italian singers who roamed Lisbon's streets in the late 18th century. What interests him is its history since 1830, from the music of whores and criminals, to salon-song, to governmentally-approved music for export under Salazar. "Fado, Football, Fatima" was the Left's derisive description of the dictator's recipe for keeping the nation happy.

The professor brings out a sheaf of yellowing manuscripts, some with verses red-crayoned out and stamped "Proibida". Then he produces a hand-written poem, a pornographic song written by a leading poet for Amalia Rodrigues, still after 50 years the absolute fado star. What does it mean? He regrets, there is a lady present, so he cannot say. And he certainly dare not put it in the exhibition.



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Benedict Nightingale bids farewell to *Middlemarch*



Nothing but the best: Rufus Sewell, Juliet Aubrey and Patrick Malahide in the BBC television *Middlemarch*

When *Middlemarch* (BBC2) first hit our screens last month, it caught my colleague Lynne Truss in a mischievous mood. Noting that the Beeb had warned that it might be the last such adaptation if the reviewers disliked it, she threw the bloated old sealion a few glittering but thinnish fish: "great roller-coaster", "told all my friends", "George Eliot's personal triumph". Now it is over, let me add my critical tuppence: "About as Good as That Sort of Television Adaptation Can Probably Get".

A grudging verdict? No more than the "modified rapture!" let slip by W.S. Gilbert's impressed but troubled Nanki-Poo. Anthony Page's production was classy stuff, no doubt of it. Who was that in part one, hurrumphing from under a wig like a delinquent muff? Why, Sir Michael Hordern, putting his querulous all into the not-very-rewarding role of the miser Featherstone. And who told us of the conflicting futures of Dorothea Brooke and Dr Lydgate as the closing titles prepared to roll last night? The wise and mellow voice of Dame Judi Dench. Had the script called for a skeleton, the BBC would probably have given the role to a disinterred Garrick or dug-up Kean.

Almost everywhere top talent was on show. The best fields were playing the fields, the best stage-coaches the stage-coaches. Stephenson's Rocket seemed to have been cast as the tiny black engine that was bringing progress to 1830s Middlemarch. Robert Hardy eloquently bumbled, Peter Jeffrey memorably brooded, Elizabeth Spriggs majestically wisecracked, and the nation's most exciting new actor, Rufus Sewell, brought his brusque charisma and Mills and Boon looks to Ladislaw, the chap who finally carried Dorothea away to live in what her appalled sister called "a street".

Moreover, Andrew Davies's adaptation combined tension and flow with fidelity to the original. All George Eliot's ingredients were safely conserved: Lydgate's destruction by a wife who understood everything about sex and status and nothing about his medical ambitions; the wastrel Fred Vincy's reclamation; the exposure of the canting Bulstrode by a melodramatically conceived intruder from his past; and Dorothea's passionate search for a cause.

With the original characters came the original themes. Nobody could doubt that George Eliot was much preoccupied with the conscience and its tendency to get waylaid or compromised. With only a little imagination it was possible to see Dorothea as a Florence Nightingale unfortunate enough to have made an early marriage to Nestor and Lydgate as a Hippocrates who had fallen under the spell of Mae West. Yet my enjoyment was not straightforward. There were times when I wondered if I was watching yet another key work by that famous 19th-century television dramatist, Jane Makepeace Trollope-Hardy-Dickens-Eliot.

Ms Trollope-Hardy-Dickens-Eliot always creates robust, clear characters, tells a powerful story, and paints scenes calculated to make watchers of PBS in Denver or Detroit pick up their phones and call the British Tourist Authority. But she does have her limitations. Instead of provoking our imaginations to make their own pictures, she forces faces and places into our memory-banks. She is weak on the unspoken thoughts Victorian novelists represented so strongly. Above all, she lacks a distinctive voice.

Take *Middlemarch*. It seems ungrateful to blame Juliet Aubrey and Douglas Hodge for a sensitivity of performance that will leave many readers identifying them with Dorothea and Lydgate in perpetuity. But even Patrick Malahide's obvious insecurity, his sideways and downwards looks, could not catch the mix of smugness, disappointment and fearful denial in Casaubon's mind. Above all, where was that earnest, prying, moralising humanity without which Eliot isn't Eliot?

It might be achieved on the stage, at least up to a point. Remember what Nunn, Caird and Edgar did with *Nicholas Nickleby* — the rough-theatre feel, the suggestive simplicity of setting and acting, the easy use of the third person for the characters' thoughts or Dickens's sentiments? But that would never pass muster on that slick naturalistic medium, television. There, the rule almost is: the more accomplished the adaptation, the less it serves whatever makes the original novelist unique. *Middlemarch*, in short, was Trollope-Hardy-Dickens-Eliot at her very best.

THEATRE: Reviews from Birmingham and London

Virtue has its revenge

The Atheist's Tragedy
Birmingham Rep

WHEN the RSC revived *The Revenger's Tragedy* in the 1970s the play had slumbered undisturbed in the lumber room of Jacobean drama for three and a half centuries. Its sulphurous wit and fiendish plots aroused interest in Cyril Tourneur's other tragedy, though scholars are now saying that *Revenger* is probably not by Tourneur after all.

The atheist is Lord D'Amville, played by Gerard Murphy with all his familiar relish for sumptuous words like "phlegmatic", and that curious cool delivery of ornate protest that leaves you certain the character cannot mean what he says, yet where does he gather such fine phrases? Lawyers manage the same shameless trick.

One answer may be that D'Amville dashes over from *France, where the play is set,* to see Master Shakespeare's latest efforts, for when he needs to feign serious distress — looking at the body of the brother he has toppled into a gravel pit — he thinks back to *King Lear* and exclaims:

Drop out
Mine eye-balls, and let
envious Fortune play
At tennis with 'em

His audience of French lords are impressed, though we in Birmingham laugh at such over-the-top cheek.

D'Amville does not believe in God, considering Nature provides explanation enough for the puzzles of existence. Since this is the 17th century such an attitude obliges him to be brimful of murderous and incestuous passions, capable at last of asking to behead young Charlemont, paragon of Christian fortitude. Unfortunately, he mishandles the axe and dashes out his own brains. To make up for some unbloody deaths earlier, Murphy pulls a lump of his brain out from the back of his cranium and caresses it during his dying speech.

Where the play differs from other revenge drama, notably *Hamlet*, is that the ghost of Charlemont's father expressly orders him to leave vengeance to God. Charlemont's subsequent role is thus reduced to remaining virtuous and standing by his girl: James Simmons succeeds in making the chap honourable without straying into schoolboy heroics.

The tone of the play mixes grizzly hypocrisy with farce. Some of the latter comes in the writing, like the two lovers who must be separately hidden when a husband beats on the door. Or the character of Languebeau Snuffe, the sensual Puritan, played by a saucer-eyed Jamie Newall like one of those lopsided nocturnal creatures, taken by surprise but too slow-moving to deal with the problem.

Anthony Clark's direction adds further helpings of farcical comedy. A bare-legged headsman in gold lamé *cache-sexe* is definitely an error. A dozen other inventions work very well indeed. Clark's achievement is to bring to vigorous life characters that do not look all that lively on the page. He also makes the stage continually attractive to look at, assisted by Patrick Connellan's spare designs and the imaginative lighting from Tim Mitchell that casts patterns of bars or jagged squares over the ground.

If *Revenger* is really not by Tourneur, the Rep has introduced us to a playwright, no great poet but an interesting thinker and the inventor of a uniquely messy way of having his villain dispatch himself.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Victims of sexual warfare

BACK in 1992 Sarah Daniels set a play called *Head-Rot Holiday* in a "special unit" for women. It was a strong, tough polemic, which claimed that the kind of petty violence that might get a man three months in a traditional slammer will sometimes leave his female counterpart locked up for years with only psychiatric nurses for company. But there was also a suspicion that Daniels, who has acknowledged the influence of Andrea Dworkin's brand of feminism, had more than a penological agenda. Why did the ward-sister batter even those patients who had been the victims of male abuse? Because she had a violent husband, of course.

In Daniels's cosmos a statistically surprising number of problems may be traced back to a man with one hand aggressively clenched and the other unzipping his flies. She tends to see women as victims, without the moral autonomy she pays men the unintended compliment of suggesting they possess. So it proves again in the lighter, glibber piece she now serves up at the Court.

Once again, special units feature prominently. Shaz, née Sharon, has been shut up in one for years after killing a small girl. Since she has also been given to damaging herself, her case seems glancingly related to the Allitt affair; but there is a distinctive Daniels twist. Shaz has been sexually abused by her father and rejected by her mother, much like one of the women in *Head-Rot Holiday*.



Tanya Ronder as Shaz falls foul of the system

The Madness of Esme and Shaz
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court

And guess what happened in the distant past to Esme, the aunt who never knew of her existence but now feels impelled by Christian duty to take her in? That's right. Another horrible dad has been at it, this time leaving his daughter with what Shaz derisively calls a "personality disorder". For Daniels, Esme's religious convictions are partly an intermittently lovable eccentricity, partly a neurotic reaction to sexual traumas long ago.

From the start it is evident that this unlikely pair — butch young woman, Monty Python oldie — will transcend convention and form a bond. This they duly do after Tanya Ronder's edgy Shaz is rejected by a lesbian lover unable to forgive her for having murdered someone of the wrong gender: has made an angry scene in a DSS office: and has again been rescued from her unit by ("I'll scatter your entrails over the filing cabinet, I'll do what men do to women!") Marlene Sidaway's gun-toting Esme. Will you believe me if I tell you they end up in Shirley Valentine mode on Sappho's island? By now you probably will.

The incongruity of the relationship does, it's true, generate some funny moments: but its evolution is inadequately motivated. Daniels is too apt to substitute caricature for observation, and *idées fixes* for human exploration. I feel ill at ease in her universe, and so, I suspect, will most of you. But I don't think this will greatly worry her.

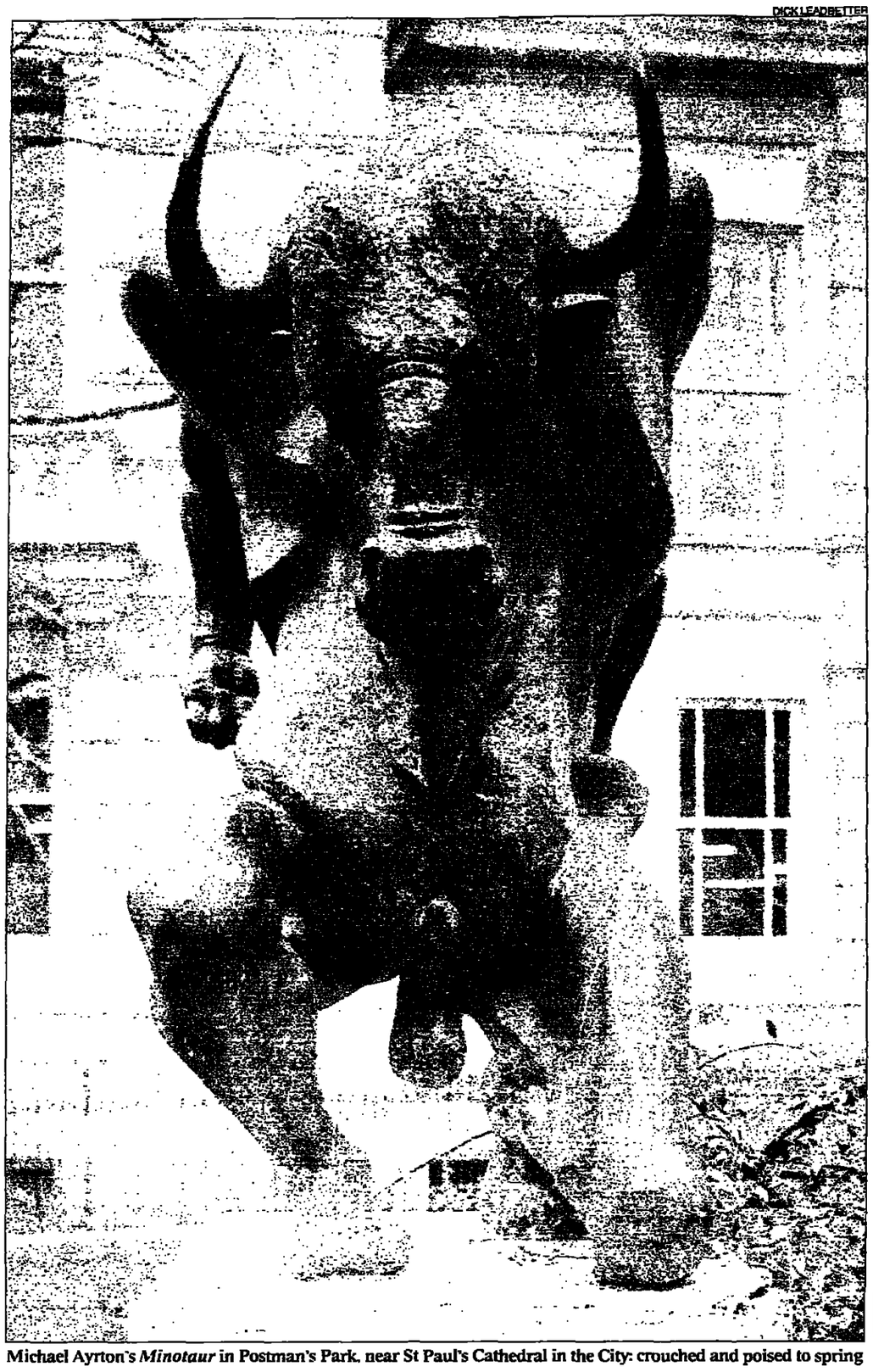
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Michael Ayrton's *Minotaur* in Postman's Park, near St Paul's Cathedral in the City: crouched and poised to spring

Look in the current dictionaries of art, and you will find that the "A" section in the general ones ends with "Avercamp", and in the modern ones with "Arp". Of "Ayrton, Michael" there is no sign. Yet this English painter and sculptor, who died in 1975, made a powerful impression in his time. Perhaps this biography by his step-granddaughter will prove the first step in a revival.

He was born in 1921, the only child of an alcoholic don and poet, Gerald Gould, and of a tireless suffragette, Barbara Ayrton-Gould, who became chairman of the Labour Party. They did not pay much attention to him. He seems to have been a prickly and precocious child, reproaching aged four his older cousins for their table-manners, seducing a French mistress in a haystack as a 14-year-old schoolboy, and at 15 going off on his own to Paris to study art.

By the age of 19 he had achieved enough notice to be invited by John Gielgud to design the sets for a production of *Macbeth* at the Piccadilly Theatre. He was as prickly as ever — in fact, Gielgud had to write to him at one point to complain of his "ungraciousness of manner, and lack of charm and generosity towards the work people in every department". But young Ayrton's stark, surrealist sets were praised.

He was turned down as a war artist, because his specimen paintings of British coastal defences were thought too grimly unpatriotic by the Government's adviser, Kenneth Clark. But by now he had made himself into a notable talker, and at the end of the war, when he was only 24, he was appearing regularly on the BBC *Brains Trust* as well as writing art criticism for *The Spectator*.

With all this flurry of activity going on, his painting progressed slowly. Inside he was confused and anguished. Miss Hopkins does not satisfactorily explain his state of mind at this time, but it was undoubtedly connected with his friendship with the painter John Minton. Minton loved him desperately; but Ayrton wrote to him a tortured letter saying that though he in turn had loved Minton for four years, he had "a virulent calvinist hatred of [physical] homosexuality... I seem to be a double pervert". In another he wrote: "I flog myself with contempt for my emotions."

All this comes out unmistakably in his early paintings of St Anthony, who is beset and practically buried by shapeless demons on the canvases. Their weakness as paintings is that they are as prickly as his behaviour had been: the ugly distortions do not just embody Ayrton's emotions, but positively defy the viewer to like what he is seeing.

However, Ayrton eventually married Elisabeth, the ex-wife of the novelist, Nigel Balchin, and settled down with a family of step-children in a country house in Essex. The turning-point in his life came on a visit to Italy with Elisabeth in 1956. They went to Cumae, where by tradition Daedalus landed and built a temple to Phoebus after his flight from Knossos. Here, wrote Ayrton, "I went into the labyrinth of Daedalus and there in spirit remained." He turned to sculpture, and soon innumerable bronzes of Icarus, the Minotaur and Daedalus himself were coming from his hand.

In these varied figures he felt he had at last found the true embodiment for his complex feelings — his lumpish and his exalted instincts, his overwhelming passion to create. He wrote about them, also, in mythological novels like *The Testament of Daedalus* (newly republished) and *The Maze Maker*.

He said: "I am nailed by the gods... my insides are drawn into the intestinal maze of Daedalus." Many of the sculptures show the same overstraining for significance that one feels in those overwrought words. But in some of them he attains the perfection of "emotion recollected in tranquillity". Just north of St Paul's Cathedral, in Postman's Park, there is a magnificent *Minotaur*, crouched, poised to spring, its shoulder blades heaving like emerging wings. In Old Change Court, south of St Paul's, there is an arresting *Icarus*, wings like windmill sails lifted high, head blasted back by the sun — though in this piece Ayrton's old provocative perversity shows through in the swollen, gnarled bottom he has given the ardent boy flyer.

Miss Hopkins's book gives a compendious account of his life, but it is too much a slave to detail to convey a sharp impression of the man. Much of the story might be about any middle-class, "arty" family and its domestic problems. She is also grossly indulgent to him: if he offends somebody (and he often does), her instinct is always to say that he was large-minded enough to understand why they were upset.

She quotes Henry Moore's judgment on his work: "A fascinating side-alley; not mainstream, but a significant eccentric." The Tate Gallery has very little by Ayrton — one small Icarus bronze, two paintings, seven prints — and these are all in the study collection in the basement, only to be seen by appointment (though the gallery is very obliging).

Side-alley he may have been, but artist he undoubtedly was. It does seem wrong that he is not represented by at least one good bronze in the splendid gallery of recent English sculpture that greets you as you step into the Tate.

Capital of busy men

Oliver Letwin

THE CITY OF LONDON
Volume I: A World of its Own, 1815-1890
By David Kynaston
Chatto & Windus, £25

With his usual incisive simplicity, Macaulay unerringly traced what would nowadays be pompously known as the "demand-side cause" of the growth of the City of London: "Thousands of busy men found every Christmas that, after the expenses of the year's *housekeeping had been* defrayed out of the year's income, a surplus remained; and how that surplus was to be employed was a question of *some difficulty*."

The period about which David Kynaston writes is more than a century after Macaulay's "busy men" had *first found joint-stock homes* for their money — and Kynaston, unlike Macaulay, makes little attempt to explain the fundamental causes of *what he observes. Rather than* presenting a thesis, this book paints a picture of events, people, habits and circumstances. What Henry James *unfairly said of Middlemarch*, can be fairly said of it — an insubstantial whole but a treasure-house of detail.

The City that Kynaston *describes is one dominated by* debt and the raising of debt. Some of the similarities to recent years are startling. South American, and in *particular Argentinian, debt figures* large: "A revolution has broken out in the Argentine Republic, which has borrowed too much — speculated and peculated." *Plus ça change*. A number of familiar names are already on the scene: Rothschild and Barings (more dominant then than now), Hambro, Schroder, Morgan, Cazenove, Capel. The Government has a budget deficit and considerable problems in raising cash: City magnates love to mingle with politicians but also to despise them. Monopolies are under attack, and the constitutional position of the Bank of England is under constant discussion.

For all these reasons and more, the City of the *mid-19th century — as* described by Kynaston — would be a scene familiar and comprehensible to a modern visitor. Two more surprising *features stand out: the risks* that these people ran, and the unruly liberty of the markets in which they operated.

The propensity to risk is — to modern eyes — truly astonishing. Banks risked, it seems, in a single transaction, their entire capital. And it brought them down with predictable regularity: not just the small banks, but the great Barings (wiped out by dealings in South American securities), and even the Bank of England itself: "Completely drained of its specie... the Bank expects to be obliged to suspend cash payments tomorrow."

The unruliness of the markets also shocks modern English sensibilities. The "stags", it seems, were in the habit of shorting new issues and then talking them down in order to buy at a discount in the after-*market. No one supposed this* to be illegal: and when an issuer cornered them by purchasing his own issue and refusing to sell to them at less *than twice the issue price*, that too was found to be quite legal. One might call it not so much deregulated as unregulated.

And yet, despite the absurd *risks and the unregulated* markets, the City dominated Europe, the Americas, the world. It drew the spare cash from the "busy men" and parcelled it out to enterprise. It linked free trade and freely available capital in an irresistible combination. One is bound to wonder whether we have progressed or regressed.


Detail from *Dividend day at the Bank of England* by G.E. Hicks, c. 1850

Certainly, our banks are more prudently regulated and their depositors are better protected, even against the *effects of South American* debt. The relationships between government, central bank and the financial markets have been deepened to the *point where regular, large*-scale financial crises have become a thing of the past. And our markets are, most of the time, fair to all parties.

But the City is no longer the centre of the world economy. The "busy men" who want a home for their money are nowadays more likely to be resident in New York or Tokyo: financial prowess depends on industrial muscle. There remains the suspicion, reading these roller-coaster tales, that some of the responsibility for our relative decline lies with the prudent regulation that makes us all so much less likely than our predecessors to try the impossible or even the merely dangerous.

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No gentlemen in Whitehall?

Michael Dynes

THE MAD OFFICIALS
How The Bureaucrats Are Strangling Britain
By Christopher Booker and Richard North
Constable, £7.95 pbk original

ENTERTAINING tales about barmy Brussels bureaucrats on the rampage have been part of the staple diet of newspaper reporters ever since Britain joined the European Community in 1973. Some of these hoary tales were true, others less so, but most were the result of misunderstanding, and downright fabrication and falsehood. Christopher Booker's work grew out of this tradition. To his credit, it did not remain a part of it for long.

For while the directives pouring out of Brussels in the run-up to the European single market in 1993 were responsible for perpetrating some lunacies on the British way of life: many, if not most, were the work of over-zealous bureaucrats of Whitehall rather than the Berlaymont. Booker wrote of this discovery in his weekly column in the *Sunday Telegraph*, prompting an avalanche of complaints from citizens trying to go about their business in the face of a flood of new hygiene, safety and environmental protection regulations, backed up by an army of ferocious officials hellbent on enforcing them.

The Mad Officials is a sorry, sometimes tragic, catalogue of the experiences of 140 small and large businesses in Britain. Although only a first instalment (a definitive work will be published later), it should be required reading for all those self-styled high-flyers at the Civil Service College in Sunningdale on how not to govern.

Booker and his colleague, Richard North, a food safety consultant, are convinced that they have unearthed something quite new — a case of "regulation run riot" and "bureaucracy for its own sake" on an unprecedented scale.

To take one example — new meat hygiene regulations introduced under the 1990 Food Safety Act, as part of the attempt by Brussels to introduce common standards of hygiene throughout European Community abattoirs. According to the "guidance notes" provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, all slaughterhouses would henceforth have to have separate entrances and exits. The new regulations would have cost millions of pounds to implement. It later transpired that this was not required by law at all. Its only force lay in the *assertion* by Maff officials that the measure was required by the Act.

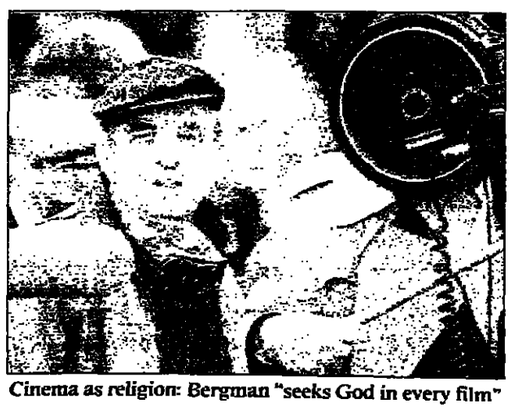
The most distressing aspect of this timely little book was the description of the "sheer unpleasantness and arrogance" of environmental health and trading standards officers. Such attitudes should be more at home with the Red Guards in China's Cultural Revolution than with officials *in a mature liberal democracy.*

Michael Dynes is Whitehall correspondent of The Times.

X-rays of the soul

Tom Hutchinson

IMAGES
My Life In Film
By Ingmar Bergman
Translated by Marianne Ruuth
Bloomsbury, £20


Cinema as religion: Bergman "seeks God in every film"

Each movie a confessional, every character a sliver of wounded psyche. Once, Ingmar Bergman was as distinguished a Swedish export as Ikea's stripped pine. A series of classics are pitched along his progress. *The Seventh Seal, Shame, Wild Strawberries, The Virgin Spring, Cries And Whispers* are as indelible as holy writ.

But fashions change, even in soul-searching, and cinema's great agoniser has given way to retirement and other, brasher, talents. His last major work was in 1982 (his childhood absolution of *Fanny And Alexander*) although he still writes novels and memoirs of which this, at 76, is his latest. It is as though he had never been away: his famous "blurred X-rays of the soul" are just that bit clearer.

For writing of his "spiritual and visceral constipation", his period in a psychiatric clinic, his feeling that he was "an unwanted child growing out of a cold womb", his candour edges into masochism. As in his films the reader must pick a barefoot way through splintered glass.

I once reviewed his movie of a 19th-century con-man, *The Magician*, and hazarded the illusionist as Bergman's idea of God. To my delight I received a handwritten note back saying that I was correct: "I seek God in every film." He is still searching.

His collaboration with his namesake, Ingrid Bergman, resulted in *Autumn Sonata*, but also in disillusionment. "In Hitchcock's films she is always magnificent. She detested the man. I believe with her he was always disrespectful and arrogant, the best method to make her listen."

Rehearsals with his own repertory (Max Von Sydow, Liv Ullmann, Harriet Andersson), however, are revealed as seances of like-mindedness with Bergman as happy medium, seen in illustration with his great troll's face topped by skullcap beret.

That generated intensity could evoke parody, as in his adoring acolyte, Woody Allen. But, while admitting his own lack of humour, he has a leavening self-mockery. How else could he relate *Face To Face*, a most profound concept, to Bob Hope's *The Road to Morocco*? His unworldliness wins out, though. Who else would even consider asking Robert Redford to play an alienated Jewish circus trapezist in *The Serpent's Egg*? "Friendly but positive, he could not do it."

And Bergman would, of course, offer no accommodation. He never did: that would compromise his hunt for God which became a finding of self. He may be overlooked but he is still the greatest translator of cinema as religious experience. Ingmar Bergman comes from a generation which wondered whether God was dead. This memoir shows he still sees the cross as more than just wayside furniture.

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Failure of the liberal imagination to make sense of South Africa

Samantha Weinberg

HAPPY SAD LAND
By Mark McCrum
Sinclair-Stevenson, £16.99

IN LESS than three months, for the first time, South Africans of all colours go to the polls to elect a new government which will, inevitably be headed by a black president. It is sure to be a momentous event, marked by a media feeding frenzy unparalleled in Africa. Whereas in the past reports have concentrated on government excess and the misery ensuing from apartheid, this time the press will be searching feverishly for "new angles" — good as well as bad news, signs of harmony as well as bloodshed. The "pariah state" will have emerged from its ugly and disintegrating chrysalis at last and we will have the opportunity to examine the effects of 46 years of Nationalist rule.

Mark McCrum, a thirty-something sometime-journalist, sometime-cinema manager, has jumped the gun. He spent three months in southern Africa in 1992 — while Mandela and de Klerk were thrashing out a compromise blueprint for the "New South Africa" — and drove around the country in a complimentary hired car asking people about their hopes and fears for the future. From Cape Town along the Garden Route to East London, through the Ciskei, Transkei and Wild Coast to Durban, Swaziland and Johannesburg, he talked to people.

Black, white, coloured, Indian, ANC activists, Inkatha leaders died-in-the wool conservatives, bleeding-heart liberals — McCrum found them. Politicians, maids, teachers, students, hitch-hikers, even murderers — their conversations are reproduced in exhausting detail in this 450-page book.

"I'm trying to keep an open mind," he told them all at the outset. Indeed, this is one of the problems of the book. But McCrum rarely stops his frantic, unfiltered recording of other people's views, to think about his own. The reader then has to sift through the huge volume of irrelevance in search of interesting and revealing snippets. And his mind is not as open as he would have people believe.

Each time he gives a black person the benefit of the doubt and approaches a conservative white with suspicion, it is clear he is imbued with the liberal values and instinctive sympathies of an outsider, a fact McCrum eventually owns up to: "...listening to Andrels [an AWB supporter] I was realising that my gorge was rising and I did have a stance: I was, whether I liked it or not, a white English liberal."

He does touch on important issues: the unbridgeable chasm between black and white education, for instance: the cycle of revenge that provides the impetus for continuing civil war between ANC and Inkatha supporters in the townships surrounding Pietermaritzburg; the worship of land and immutable prejudices of the right; and the amazing capacity for forgiveness of the vast majority of the black population.

There are some powerfully illustrative vignettes too. The story of Walter Dlamini, a moderate township leader with a calliper on his leg, who was murdered by his radical cousin for negotiating with the white authorities. Or that of Christine, a maid who had bought an expensive sofa on hire purchase for her immaculate mud and grass rondavol. And McCrum describes a night spent in a Soweto shebeen dancing the CODESA 3 (named after the national negotiating forum — "they just go round and round in circles"). But these anecdotes should have been honed and sharpened, not buried beneath a weight of chatter (sometimes irritatingly transcribed in phonetic "Seth Effriken") and purple descriptive passages: "Behind me, my arrogant dust cloud was lit orange, then pink, by the sinking sun."

Happy Sad Land — an apposite title — is an ambitious project: an attempt to combine a classic travel book with an oral political history. McCrum does not quite pull it off. His history barely scratches the surface of a deeply complex story; his travelogue lacks the passion, smells and sounds of Africa.

It is only when he revisits Botswana, to catch up with old friends he made while working as a "teacher aide" in a multi-racial school 15 years earlier, that the author and his story connect. At last he appears to have real feelings for the people and the place he is writing about: this sets his narrative alight.

War of the British succession

Norman Stone praises a history in which the heroes are British, the victors American

A WORLD AT ARMS
A Global History of World War II
By Gerhard L. Weinberg
Cambridge, £25



A portrait of the one of the leaders of the Grammont maquis by the Lithuanian photographer Izis, 1944

Taking my 11-year-old son round the Imperial War Museum the other day, I was once again vastly impressed by it: the best museum of its kind. The reconstructed grocery-shop of 1942 is a piece of genius, exactly how I remember such things as a small boy, though I cannot recall the taste of snoek, the sterling-area fish that you ate for patriotic reasons. The Second World War saw the British in many ways at their best.

The British are also the heroes of Gerhard Weinberg's huge book on the Second World War. It was in many ways the War of the British Succession — a quarter of the globe to partition, the Americans emerging as very clear winners — and it was remarkable that the British did not make some effort, along with the French and Dutch, to maintain their maritime empires in collaboration with Germany. Germany had her own imperial ambitions, at Russia's expense; why not co-operate, with Western Europe looking to the oceans, and central Europe looking over the steppe? There might have been something in this, had it not been for Adolf Hitler. By 1939, he was so widely hated and mistrusted that no deal could be done. Instead, British policy could have only one goal — to enlist American dollars to get Russians to fight Germans.

Weinberg's other great strength is that he understands Stalin. He wrote a very good book on the Hitler-Stalin Pact in 1954, and he understood the horrors of that deal. I have heard that, on Hitler's 51st birthday in 1940, Stalin sent 51 refugee German Communists to Lithuania, where they were shot, as a birthday present. Now, there is new information on the workings of the Pact, which Weinberg uses to effect.

There is a theory going the rounds, not without surface plausibility, that Stalin was himself preparing to attack Hitler, who had, it is said, no choice but to launch a preventive war. Weinberg waves this aside, I suspect, rightly: Stalin himself had no confidence that his men would withstand a Nazi attack, and appeased right up to the last minute. Could *anything* have been more grotesque than the sight of that goods-train, laden with war-material, trundling west over the railway-lines into occupied Poland, as the German troops sat in their jump-off trenches, waiting to attack?

Weinberg's book is a clearly-written account of events, with enormous and, so far as I can judge, reliable encyclopaedic summaries of anything about which you need to know. He can be read with profit on, for instance, the nature of the American-Japanese quarrel, or the intelligence war, or aircraft (my small boy has been enthusiastically designing them ever since the Museum visit, and Weinberg's background has been helpful) — in all cases, having read and digested the huge masses of secondary literature.

I do not agree with him that Hitler wanted the war that broke out in 1939 — it seems to me that A.J.P. Taylor was right, that Hitler gambled upon Great Britain's not honouring the Polish guarantee — but factually I could not fault him anywhere. There is a very useful bibliographical essay at the end, and the footnotes, though sometimes self-indulgent, will be helpful to future scholars.

There are many single-volume accounts of the Second World War. A.J.P. Taylor's was a remarkable one: summarising fantastically complicated matter in two or three sentences, as only Taylor could do it. He managed to be pithy about Pearl Harbor, pointing up the absurd American mis-handling of their own intelligence: the telegram announcing the likely Japanese attack was actually being pedalled towards the naval base when the Japanese aircraft struck. Weinberg is a complement, not a rival, and since he has read his way through the research, he has established himself even in this overcrowded field. The 50th anniversary of D-Day is coming up, and this volume is a good salute to it.

That war, disastrous as it was for the British and for everyone else, had to be fought, and nowadays we have the Germany that we need and want. It would have been a salute to what she has managed to do, had we invited German representatives to the D-Day celebrations: for the war was as much a liberation for the Germans as it was for the others, and they have made a better showing of the sequel than we did.

Reaping the whirlwind

Adam LeBor

THE IMPOSSIBLE COUNTRY
A Journey Through The Last Days of Yugoslavia
By Brian Hall
Secker, £18.99

Quite how Yugoslavia, once the most sophisticated state in eastern Europe, could collapse into a murderous vortex of hate and destruction is one of the great mysteries of the late 20th century. Brian Hall cleverly sidesteps the ideological and nationalistic quarrels that dogged the dying state, for straightforward travel writing that neatly weaves together history, scenery and people, in an elegaic portrait of a now-vanished country.

He takes no sides, except perhaps the side of former Yugoslavia, a state that for all its faults managed to keep the peace between its fratricidal peoples for over 40 years. In his stylish but unobtrusive way he has produced the most moving book on former Yugoslavia that I have read. He never lapses into didacticism or value judgments about Balkan predilections for blood-feuds. Instead he listens, describes and takes stock of what he has seen and heard.

As one of the last westerners to travel freely through former Yugoslavia, Hall was given a privileged glimpse of communities now ripped apart by hatred. In a purely logistical sense the journeys he took then on public transport were mundane and unremarkable. Yet they read as though they took place in another universe, which in a way they did, for they are now impossible.

Many of the borders between the former constituent states of Yugoslavia are now military frontlines. There are no trains running from Zagreb to Belgrade or Sarajevo. There is no way at all in and out of Sarajevo, other than for UN officials and journalists or soldiers who crawl through a tunnel under the airports.

This was all in the future when Hall was roving around Yugoslavia. He meets Croat fighters in Dalmatia, ethnic Albanian activists in Kosovo, Bosnian president Alija Izetbegovic and tough Serb peasants. One of the best sections of the book is the time he spends in Medjugorje, a village now in Croat-controlled Bosnia where Catholic pilgrims flock to see a vision of the Virgin Mary that supposedly appears every evening. Curiously, Medjugorje has been largely untouched by the war and still hosts travellers from all over the world, albeit in lesser numbers.

Several of the places he describes, such as the old Ottoman capital of Travnik, are now shell-scarred military headquarters peopled by soldiers and hungry, freezing refugees. When, in June 1991, Hall climbed Mount Vlasic just outside Travnik, he clambered over bluebells and lemon thyme. Some 18 months later, Mt Vlasic was the disembarkation point for thousands of Muslim refugees, bussed through Serb-controlled territory and forced to clamber under fire along its slopes until they reached the Bosnian army frontlines.

Straws in the wind hint of the horrors to come. There are long queues at the post office telephone kiosks, but no international lines. The Croatian woman in the tourist office and a Muslim shopkeeper both say: "There will not be a war." From Travnik he travels to Donji Vakuf, where a Serb peasant, Srdjan, and his family takes Hall home and virtually force-feed him, while nearby Muslims celebrate a festival, shouting "Allaaahu Akbar", firing their guns in the air. Donji Vakuf is now in Serb-controlled territory and the Muslims have been forced out. "Things will get better," Srdjan insisted. That world is now gone and Europe is poorer for the loss.



Tale of one land and two peoples

Julia Neuberger

THE HOPE
By Herman Wouk
Hodder & Stoughton, £16.99

Herman Wouk's latest novel was described to me by an American friend as "a good read". I was therefore looking forward to a quick and gripping run through modern Israeli history. But so ungripping was it that to finish all 693 pages, with aching wrists from the weight of the tome, was no mean feat.

It is interesting to reflect on why that should be so. Wouk states in his notes that the main protagonists are invented. They may be a mixture of people who held particular posts, but, with the exception of well-known players, such as Yigal Allon, David Ben-Gurion, and Yigal Yadin, they are new, fictional characters. Yet some, like Sam Pasternak, hold posts in fact held by other well-known figures, such as Chaim Herzog, past President of Israel. If one has any familiarity with the Israeli story, the fictional characters seem wrongly placed because one knows who was really there. Wouk's faction becomes an irritant.

In his book *This is my God*, Wouk argues brilliantly that God's creation of sex as the greatest pleasure known to man and woman is evidence for Jews that God is good — a very different view from that of Christianity. But in this novel his "sex interest" passages are dull. It is well-known in Israeli society that several key players had affairs, in and out of Israel. In a small country, everybody gossips about their leaders. At the same time, slang for some army women became the disgustingly degrading "mattresses". A genuine argument rages amongst social historians and sociologists about women's position in Israeli society. With all that meat for fiction, which has a vibrancy of its own, the sexual encounters are sadly wooden, and there is neither humour nor passion within them.

Wouk has considerable familiarity with and knowledge of Hebrew idiom, which he uses extensively. Despite translations, it begins to irk, particularly because there are no parallels in dialogue with Arabs, or English officers, or even Americans. Only Israeli dialogue lives. Yet they are, and were, not the only players. Somehow, the cardboard cutouts who are Arabs, British and Americans, need to convince, or the story fails too.

Lastly, there is Wouk's own passion for the Israeli state and the land, a passion he makes clear in his notes at the back, in his declaration at the very end: "Reconciliation in the Middle East can come if and only if Zahal, the Israeli Defense Force, remains strong and stands guard through the long night of hostility, until the dawn of God's peace. May it come speedily and in our days."

Many of us would echo "Amen" to that last prayer, but would dispute some of the rest. A convinced, avowed Zionist, there is a lack of understanding throughout — which we know that people like Simon Peres actually have — of the Palestinian desire for self-determination, of the nature of others' nationalism, of the need to reconcile two conflicting nationalisms, and to get people to talk.

This novel, beautifully written though it is in Wouk's inimitable style, fails because his own conviction is so deeply ingrained that he cannot argue it and make the story come alive for others, to tell it as it is — or as he sees it. It would be better to read a history of Israel than this. And it would be better to read *This is My God* to find Herman Wouk.

Rabbi Julia Neuberger is a judge of the 1994 Booker Prize.

Last witch in Yorkshire

Amy Louise Erickson

THE EARTH MADE OF GLASS
By Robert Edric
Picador, £14.99



Public witch hanging from *Law and Customs of Scotland in Matters Criminal*, 1678

The Inquisition is not normally thought to have penetrated to the North Yorkshire Moors. But the inhabitants of Robert Edric's isolated, miserable village in October 1691 dub their Church of England visitor the "Inquisitor". He is obstensibly there only to clear up the sale of a piece of land owned by the Church. But why is the resident parson, full of fanatical fire and brimstone, and with the help of two maimed civil war veterans, excavating a chalk angel on the slope above the village to rival the Cerne Abbas giant?

In a parish where the Black Death of 350 years earlier is still a living horror, where foreigners are suspect and the ancient massacre of Jews laudable, where the moors are scattered with human bones, and the only pond which might wash the bloody scratches on the legs of the women who cut bracken cannot be touched for fear of being sucked down by the devil, it comes as little surprise to learn that, some 30 years before, a midwife was killed on suspicion of witchcraft.

But by the later 17th century educated ecclesiastical opinion — of which the civilised Inquisitor partakes — had swung against the prosecution of witches and he spends the entire novel endeavouring to find out what happened to the "witch" from the guilt-racked villagers.

It is a fascinating idea: what the generation which saw the last English witch hanged in 1685 thought in its old age of the persecutions of its younger days. But Edric describes a village merely frozen in its own horror. Characters glance in and out of view without coming into focus. The most compassionate people in this peculiarly morose village, overhung by chill autumnal mists of fear, are the despised heathen, nomadic charcoal burners, who at one point come to the aid of the Inquisitor, himself about as sympathetic as a 17th-century Mr Casaubon.

If the setting is bleak, the dialogue is spare, and the reader feels lost on the moors. What detail there is nicely evokes the time and the place, but there is just not enough of it. What one hopes are clues to the mystery are left unresolved. Why is it important that the suspected witch lived on the land the church wants to sell? Why did the Inquisitor's lanced whitlow smell of decay? What killed the stonemason's daughter's fiancé? And what happened to her when, distracted with grief, she disappeared from her father's house? Who were the mad winnowers?

To this reader, accustomed to the fragmentary and disjointed nature of actual 17th-century court testimony, the great satisfaction of historical fiction is its ability to coalesce all of the details into a denouement, to weave together all the apparently random strands of evidence into a complete tapestry, with complex characters and motivations. This book does not do that. It is, instead, a series of snapshots. Too many loose ends are left unravelled; the reader knows little more at the end than she did at the beginning. In his atmospheric portrait of a village where hell rises perilously close to the earth's crust, Edric himself does not dig too deep.

Amy Erickson's Women and Property in Early Modern England *has just won the Ellen McArthur Prize for economic history.*

The oldest databases of all

Christopher Edwards

BIBLIOGRAPHIA
Edited by John Horden
Leopard's Head Press, £9

ASKED WHO invented printing, most people in Britain would probably name William Caxton; better informed people might remember Johann Gutenberg. The fact that both these answers are wrong (Caxton only introduced the art into England; and Gutenberg was the first to print from moveable types) shows both how little bibliographical knowledge even well-educated people now have. What purpose can be served by studying remote and unfriendly literary objects like old books?

This collection of lectures given from 1975 to 1988 by recipients of the Marc Fitch prize at Leeds University shows how widely the study of bibliography can be defined: from censorship of the press in Civil War London to the first English bookshop in Germany at Hamburg in 1787. This is cultural history, not mere dry-as-dust bibliography. R.C. Latham's lecture on the editors of Pepy's Diary is a classic of the kind, amusing and instructive by turns. D.F. McKenzie on the London book trade in 1644 shows how much historians such as Christopher Hill have still to learn from the bibliographer.

Not all of the lectures can have been so rewarding to listen to. I remember falling asleep during the one on the English bookshop in Germany. But giving prizes to distinguished elders in return for a lecture is always likely to bring mixed results. Just as bank managers only lend to the rich, prizes like this tend to go to professors already loaded with awards and jaundiced from the lecture circuit.

Significantly, perhaps, the best lectures here are by those obviously in love with their subjects: non-professors like Latham on Pepys, or Bent Juel-Jensen on the manuscripts of the ancient rock-hewn churches in Eastern Tigray in Ethiopia. This lecture, which arose from the Oxford expedition of 1974, introduces us to an art and culture in which manuscripts were still made in a manner that had changed little in five centuries, and a civilisation which — after the human and physical depredations of the Mengistu government in the 1980s — may never be seen again. Sometimes, after all, bibliography does seem close to real life.

Retirement looms for struggling Lawrence

FROM STUART JONES IN SYDNEY

DAVID Lawrence earned as wide a reputation for the effort he expended as for his cricketing ability when playing for Gloucestershire and England. The ferocity of his fast bowling was remorseless. He perpetually gave his all. Now he is considering giving it all up.

The notion has crossed his mind before. Three years ago, during the third and final Test against New Zealand in Wellington, his left kneecap split in half in his delivery stride. Looking back, he can recall "a lot of agony, a lot of commotion, and I thought my career was over".

The conclusion, shared by many then, was virtually unanimous a year ago. During a training session in a West Country gym, the same patella broke down the middle again. "People said that's it, finish." So did he, initially, but his natural indefatigability was more persuasive than a sense of logic.

No longer, though, as he indicated during a stroll around the boundary of the Snape Oval, a compact ground on the outskirts of the city where he has been residing for two months. "My leg gets stiff, even in this warm weather," he said. "It gets sore after one spell and I struggle to come back for another. I can't field. I just stand at first slip. I've taken a few screaming catches there, mind you." The genial boast cut the solemnity only momentarily.

"I'm a cardboard cut-out. I'm only just scraping through. One-day games on a Saturday. On Sundays, I'm dragging the leg and I can hardly move. I need a week to recover. I'm a long way off playing in a two-day game, let alone a four-day one."

It is not as if he is testing himself at the highest level either. By choice, he is representing the third team of his club, Randwick. He rates the standard of the first teams from which the New South Wales state side is selected as "stronger than county second XIs". Above a vivid scar, neatly covering the length of the kneecap, the muscles are visibly wasted. "Unless I get them back," he said, "I don't think there is much prospect of playing professional cricket again."

Physiotherapists have already told him that the power of the thigh will never be fully restored. Other warnings are more ominous. As well as requiring constant rest and treatment, the knee will inevitably cause pain and discomfort. The consequences of another breakdown could result in permanent and crippling damage. That prospect in particular dismays Lawrence, whose fiancee is looking after their 2½-year-old son in England.

He appreciates that he will never again be picked for international duty (though he maintains contact with the likes of Chris Lewis, Phil Tufnell, Mark Ramprakash and Phil de Freitas). Not convinced that he can adequately serve Gloucestershire, he is preparing himself for a momentous resolution.

He is to make it during a week's solitude in the Whitsunday Islands on Queensland's Gold Coast. "It will be the hardest decision I've ever made because it affects not just my cricket, but my life. I want to play badly, but only if I can do the job properly."

Lawrence was then approached by his captain. The outfield was fit for play, apparently, but the pitch was unsuitable because of a mechanical malfunction. The hydraulic pump in the Snape Oval mower was in worse shape than Lawrence's left knee.

GRAHAM CHADWICK



The moment it all went wrong: Lawrence clutches his knee in the Test with New Zealand in Wellington

Smith favourite for chairmanship

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN BARBADOS

THE first-class English counties are to decide between the establishment choice of Mike Smith and the populist figure of Ray Illingworth for the revamped job as chairman of England selectors.

The statement yesterday from the working party, set up by the Test and County Cricket Board late last year, left the two former England captains as candidates for a role that attracted 21 nominations from board members. Smith, in the Caribbean as the England tour manager, is likely to win the vote of the board on March 9 and start his duties in charge of selection, management and discipline prior to the domestic season.

During three lengthy meetings, the working party, charged by the board with identifying a man to actively lead selection, first narrowed the field to a shortlist of seven, from which it is understood several contenders declared themselves unavailable. Smith, 60, and Illingworth, one year his senior, now remain for the 18 counties to judge their contrasting characters and credentials.

Illingworth would need to be handsomely compensated, as was the previous incumbent, Ted Dexter, for surrendering his media work, through which he has already begun to canvass support. His appointment might also present a potential clash with the authority of Keith Fletcher, the team manager. Smith is a conservative and uncontroversial choice but far more likely to win over county chairmen seeking a calm change from the Dexter era.

Barnes has designs on being an architect of success

FROM MEL WEBB
IN BADAJOZ, SPAIN

LIKE an old-time evangelist, the PGA European Tour does not mind where it has to go to spread the good word. This week it has moved its travelling ministry to a part of Spain where a golf club is still a novelty and has found itself preparing to play a tournament on a course designed by a man more used to the creation of churches.

In a long career as an architect, Daniel Calero has designed prize-winning buildings all over the world, from houses to churches to office blocks. He loves golf — he is a fanatical 12-handicapper — and has long harboured a dream of creating a golf course as well as the buildings that accompany it. Golf Guadiana, where the Extremadura Open starts today, is the realisation of that vision.

The 7,000-yard course is in surprisingly good shape considering that it has been officially open for only a little over a month. The fairways are pristine and the greens, although rather firm, hold their line well.

The field includes six Ryder Cup men, including Brian Barnes, who arrived yesterday afternoon after a flight to Lisbon and a three-hour drive through Portugal to the border town of Badajoz.

Barnes, 48, who finished joint fifth in the Tenerife Open last weekend, was entitled to play this week after finishing in the top ten in the Canary Islands, but a business commitment prevented him from entering. By Tuesday morning, however, he had rescheduled his meeting, and the Tour, having given his place away, accepted a late entry after somebody else dropped out. "If you're playing as well as I feel I am, you don't turn down an opportunity like this," he said.

It would be tempting to add that he said he had designs on another healthy chunk of prize-money. Sadly, puns do not always come that easy.

Appeal to nullify result after Emirates roll past US

FROM A CORRESPONDENT
IN NAIROBI

THE United Arab Emirates' World Cup qualifying campaign may have been derailed by the cricketing ignorance of a Nairobi groundsman. ICC Trophy officials have been asked to invalidate the UAE's four-wicket win over the United States because the pitch at the Aga Khan club was rolled between the first and second days.

While there is no question of sharp practice, the illegality of the action is not in dispute and was reported by the umpires after the UAE's expensive collection of expatriates brushed past a strong American side. The game was expected to decide who would qualify with Bangladesh from group B. If the result is nullified, UAE's progress is not assured.

Ireland, who must wait for their run-rate win over Papua New Guinea to be validated, kept Gibraltar to 116 for five in the 43 overs that were possible on a fifth successive day of rain.

Bangladesh and Denmark completed expected wins but Hong Kong came within a whisper of upsetting the odds a second time when they lost to Bermuda on the fewer-wickets rule with scores tied at 154.

After beating Denmark under the same rule, Hong Kong have drawn with both more fancied sides in group D and should qualify for the quarter-finals with wins against Fiji and West Africa.

☐ Sussex County Cricket Club has announced a profit for the sixth successive year, with a surplus of £19,040. Sussex received a record £575,298 from the central fund of the Test and County Cricket Board as its share of national television and advertising receipts and the board's marketing work.

However, players' wages and bonuses reached a record £515,000 in a season in which they reached the Natwest final. The club is launching a membership drive.

Common-law right to consult solicitor

Regina v Chief Constable of South Wales and Another, Ex parte Merrick

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Mrs Justice Smith

[Judgment February 9]

The right of access to a solicitor, conferred by section 58(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 on a person held in custody in a police station or other premises did not extend to a person on remand in custody at a magistrates' court.

The right of such person to consult a solicitor could not, however, be any less than that of a person in detention in the course of investigation of a suspected offence under the rules of common law which preceded the 1984 Act and which were not abrogated by that Act, namely, the right to consult a solicitor as soon as reasonably practicable.

Accordingly, a police policy of refusing a person in custody at court access to a solicitor on the sole ground that the request was made after 10am without reference to whether it was reasonably practicable to allow access at once or within a reasonable time was unlawful.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in making a declaration on an application for judicial review by Bryn Merrick of the decision at 3.15pm on May 12, 1993 of the custody officers at Cardiff Magistrates' Court not to allow him to consult his solicitor.

Mr Richard Clayton for the applicant; Mr Crispin Masterman for the Chief Constable of South Wales; Mr Nicholas Hilliard as *amicus curiae*.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that the applicant, charged with arson, had on May 5, 1993 been remanded in custody for seven days by Cardiff Magistrates' Court and on May 12 had been brought to court and seen his *solicitor early in the morning*.

The applicant's bail application had, it seemed, been heard at 2.15pm and refused. His solicitor, Mr Brierley, had then tried to see him but at 3.15pm had been refused access on the ground of a standing order which prohibited access to the cells after 10am.

The officer in charge had acknowledged that there was no shortage of police manpower at that time which would have made the visit impracticable. The standing order was part of a policy implemented by the police at court to the effect that (a) if defendants were produced before 10am, solicitors were expected to interview them before the courts sat at 10am and (b) access thereafter would only be allowed if there were a valid reason for not having seen the defendant before 10am and if the visit could safely be permitted, having regard to the performance by the police of their duties as escort officers to the court.

At common law, a person in custody was entitled to consult a solicitor at an early stage of an investigation, see *R v Lemsatef* ([1977] 1 WLR 812). The right of a person in custody at a court to consult a solicitor could, in his Lordship's judgment, be no less than that of a person in detention in the course of an investigation of a suspected offence under the rules of common law which preceded the 1984 Act and which were not abrogated by that Act.

The right was, on request, to be permitted to consult a solicitor as soon as reasonably practicable.

While that differed slightly from the position under section 58(1), where the word "reasonably" did not appear, the existence of that right, of which Parliament was aware in 1984, meant that it was unnecessary for it to apply section 58(1) to a person on remand in the cells of a court. That consideration, together with a construction of the section in its statutory context led his Lordship to conclude that section 58(1) did not apply to the applicant on May 12, 1993.

The policy as stated was unlawful to the extent that it permitted jailers to refuse access to a solicitor on the sole ground that the request was made after 10am without reference to the question whether it was reasonably practicable to allow access at once or within a period of time.

Solicitors: Jonathan Brierley, Cardiff; Mr Gareth Madge, Bridgend; Treasury Solicitor.

Subsequent attempt to litigate fails

Chiron Corporation v Murex Diagnostics Ltd
Same v Organon Teknika Ltd

Before Mr Justice Aldous

[Judgment February 4]

The fact that experiments prior to an action concerning the validity of a patent were conducted under impossibly severe time constraints would not prevent a previous *judgment as to its validity becoming res judicata*.

Mr Justice Aldous so held in the Chancery Division, when granting a motion by Chiron Corporation to strike out, pursuant to Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court so much of the defences of Murex Diagnostics Ltd and Organon Teknikon Ltd allegations that Chiron's patent No 2,212,511 was at all material times invalid upon the grounds of lack of novelty and obviousness.

Mr Antony Watson, QC and Mr Richard Meade for Chiron; Mr Daniel Alexander for Murex and Organon.

MR JUSTICE ALDOUS said that last October he had dismissed *actions by Chiron against Murex* and Organon and another defendant, in relation to the same patent, on the ground that, although it had been infringed and all the allegations of invalidity, except those alleging certain claims invalid for insufficiency, failed, the defendants had a good defence because there was in existence an agreement that offended section 44 of the Patents Act 1977.

Chiron had then started two fresh actions, claiming against Murex and Organon injunctions and ancillary relief on the grounds that the offending agreement had been amended and that the claims which had been held valid were being infringed.

Both had served identical defences, claiming the invalidity of the patent on the grounds of lack of novelty and obviousness, and relying upon particulars essentially the same as those relied upon in the earlier actions.

For that reason Chiron now moved to strike them out as *res judicata*. Murex and Organon accepted that validity of the patent had been an issue in the previous actions but contended they were entitled now to establish its invalidity because of exceptional circumstances that had arisen in those actions: in particular, that certain experiments had been carried out under such stringent time pressure that exchange of witness statements had not been completed until three days before the trial.

Five days after it had begun one of the defendants' experts had advised their counsel that because his opinion had relied in part on inadmissible evidence, he would not be able to support it to a necessary scientific standard.

Accordingly, although Chiron's witnesses had been cross-examined on that issue, counsel for the defendants had at the close of Chiron's case abandoned any reliance on it.

The defendants contended (1) that that gave rise to "issue estoppel" as distinct from "cause of action estoppel"; and (2) that the burden of conducting experiments under such severe time constraints had been so heavy that that was a special circumstance within the words of Lord Keith of Kinkel in *Arnold v National Westminster Bank plc* ([1991] 2 AC 93, 109) so as to justify an exception from issue estoppel.

As to (1), the cause of action raised by the counterclaim in the previous action was beyond doubt: revocation had been sought on the ground of the patent's invalidity. That had failed. The defendants were now precluded from relitigating it: see *Shoe Machinery Co Ltd v Cutlan (No 2)* (1896) 13 RPC 141, 145) and *Parmenter v Malthouse Joinery* ([1993] FSR 680, 683).

As to (2), even if that gave rise to a mere issue estoppel, the circumstances could not be regarded as special within the *Arnold* decision. They simply betrayed a classic instance of a second attempt to establish a case, which the doctrine of *res judicata* was meant to preclude.

Solicitors: Bristows Cook & Carpmael; Needham & Grant; Herbert Smith.

Convention applies within UK

Foxen v Scotsman Publications Ltd and Another

Before Mr Justice Drake

[Judgment February 4]

The court did not have jurisdiction to stay proceedings on the ground of *forum non conveniens* where proceedings had been issued by the plaintiff in one of the jurisdictions in the United Kingdom.

Mr Justice Drake so held in the Queen's Bench Division dismissing the application by the defendants, Scotsman Publications Ltd and Rob Edwards, that the action of the plaintiff, Isabel Charlotte Foxen, be stayed and or dismissed on the ground of *forum non conveniens*.

The plaintiff, domiciled in Scotland, had issued a summons in England claiming damages for libel contained in an article published by the defendants in the *issue of Scotland on Sunday* on February 14, 1993.

About 90 per cent of the publication had been circulated in Scotland and the remainder in England. The defendants had their main place of business in Scotland and a minor base in England. The plaintiff had chosen to issue proceedings in England as she claimed to have suffered damage in both England and Scotland.

Miss Heather Rogers for the plaintiff; Mr Stephen Suttle for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE DRAKE said that the defendants argued that the appropriate forum was Scotland. The plaintiff opposed the application on the ground that the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, as amended by section 2(5) of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1991, which incorporated the Convention on Jurisdiction and Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters 1968 (Schedule 1 to the 1982 Act) into English law, removed the jurisdiction of the court to decide the appropriate forum as between different parts of the United Kingdom.

In his Lordship's judgment, the plaintiff's submission was sound and he agreed with the position as it was stated in *European Civil Practice* by Stephen O'Malley and Alexandra Layton ([1989] p979-980).

His Lordship did not find the result in any way inconsistent with the general provisions of the 1982 Act. It was clear that the jurisdiction to stay on the ground of *forum non conveniens* was taken away in respect of competing choices between different contracting parties but left it intact in respect of competing choices between the courts of a contracting party and the courts of a non-contracting party: see *In re Harrods (Buenos Aires) Ltd* ([1992] Ch 72).

But as the Convention applied uniformity of rules as between different contracting states, his Lordship thought it was inconsistent with at least the spirit and probably the letter of the Convention not to apply the rules as between different parts of the United Kingdom.

Although Scotland and England were not contracting states, they were each part of a contracting state. It seemed more logical for the same rules to apply everywhere within the Community including jurisdictions within the United Kingdom as a contracting state.

Solicitors: Mishcon de Reya; Allen & Overy.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Design Marketing Limited (In Administrative Receivership) Company Number: 1889981

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with s48(2) Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London EC2M 7QN on 2 March 1994 at 10.00am

In accordance with rule 3.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, a creditor is entitled to vote only if: a) Details of the debt claimed are submitted to the receivers in writing no later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting, and

b) Where the creditor cannot attend in person, a form of proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf is lodged with the receivers before the meeting. Creditors whose claims are fully secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Unsecured creditors may request a free copy of the administrative receivers' report to be sent to them.

Claims, proxies or requests should be sent to the administrative receivers at Touche Ross & Co at the address below.

Dated: 15 February 1994.

For and on behalf of Design Marketing Limited.

N G Atkinson and A R Houghton
Joint Administrative Receivers
Touche Ross & Co
PO Box 810
Cedric House
8-9 East Harding Street
London EC4A 3AB

ZACH CARTWRIGHT LIMITED AND BARYTES (SHIELDING PRODUCTS) LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Roger Hill of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH was appointed liquidator of the above named companies on 7 February 1994.

NOTICE IS FURTHER given pursuant to rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the liquidator intends to make any distribution to creditors.

Creditors are required to send their names and addresses and particulars of their claims to the liquidator on or before 26 March 1994 the last date for proving. Thereafter the distribution may be made without regard to the claim of any person whose debt has not been proved by that date.

It should be noted that of the Directors of the Companies have made a Statutory Declaration that they have made a full inquiry into the affairs of the Companies and that they are of the opinion that the companies will be able to pay their debts in full within a period of 12 months from the date of liquidation.

Dated this 10th day of February 1994.

John Roger Hill
Liquidator.

SECTION 295 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
VINODRAI SHAMJI PADHIAR
(In Bankruptcy)

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Trustee of the above-named individual by an Order of the Secretary of State dated 11 February 1994

DATED this 14 day of February 1994

DJ MASON - TRUSTEE

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF CHAUMET LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

The Joint Liquidators of Chaumet Limited give notice under the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that they intend to make an interim dividend to the unsecured creditors of the company, within four months of 4 March 1994.

Creditors who have not already done so, must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the joint liquidators Dipankar Mohan Gosh and Colin Graham Bird of Price Waterhouse at 10 Bricket Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 3JX by 4 March 1994 which is the last day for submitting claims. A creditor who does not make a claim by that date, will not be included in the proposed interim distribution.

DM Gosh
Joint Liquidator
10 February 1994

NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 176 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
MediServe Limited

Notice is hereby given that:-

(a) At an extraordinary general meeting of the above named company held at Park Place, 12 Lawn Lane London SW8 1UD on 11th February 1994 a special resolution was duly passed that a payment of £320,000 out of the Company's capital (as defined in Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985) in respect of the redemption by the Company of all the 400,000 convertible redeemable non-voting preference shares of £1 each in the capital of the Company to issue be authorised.

(b) The amount of the permissible capital payment (as defined by Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985) was £320,000.

(c) The statutory declaration and auditors report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 both of which are dated 11th February 1994 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Park Place, 12 Lawn Lane, London, SW8 1UD; and

(d) Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Sections 176 and 177 of the Companies Act 1985 within the period of five weeks immediately following 11th February, 1994 for an Order prohibiting the payment.

Dated 11th February 1994

NOTICE of resolution for payment of capital

A T CROSS (UK) LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:-

1 the above named company ("the Company") has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring 7,450 of its own ordinary shares of US$ 100 each, by purchase;

2 the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is US$ 745,000;

3 the date for the resolution for payment out of capital is 10 February 1994;

4 a statutory declaration and auditors' report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office, and

5 any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.

Dated 11 February
J. E. Buckley
Director

5K CONSTRUCTION LTD (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 (2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place London W1H 3FF, on 4th March 1994 at 10.00am for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 49 of the said Act.

A person is only entitled to vote at this meeting if:

(a) details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the Company have been given to us, not later than 12.00 noon on the business day next before the meeting, and

(b) there has been lodged with us a proxy which is intended to be used at the Meeting.

If you wish to participate in the meeting of the creditors, would you please forward details of your claim against the company, and any proxy which you wish to be used on your behalf, to the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, LONDON W1H 3FT

A copy of the report which will be presented to the meeting is available upon written request to the above address.

DATED THIS 15TH FEBRUARY 1994

Michael J C Oldham
Administrative Receiver

FURSECROFT TRADING LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 21st February 1994 at 11.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

DATED THIS 10TH FEBRUARY 1994.

I WALDMAN
DIRECTOR

RHT OFFICE ASSEMBLY LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 (2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, on 4th March 1994 at 11.30am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 48 and 49 of the said Act.

A person is only entitled to vote at this meeting if:

(a) details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the Company have been given to us, not later than 12.00 noon on the business day next before the meeting, and

(b) there has been lodged with us a proxy which is intended to be used at the Meeting.

If you wish to participate in the meeting of creditors, would you please forward details of your claim against the company, and any proxy which you wish to be used on your behalf, to the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place London, W1H 3FF

DATED THIS 11TH FEBRUARY 1994

Michael J C Oldham
Administrative Receiver

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities - Trust Funds administered in connection with the Royal College of Surgeons of England

The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for these charities. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Albans House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DCT-A/1-Temp-LAG-LDN.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Royal College of Surgeons of England
Common Investment Fund

The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Albans House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DCT-212808/LAG/Len.

CLAYTON, Mrs. Tus Deceased
Would any relative of Tus Clayton, late of 1 Wellesley Court, Maida Vale, London W9 1RG please contact Messrs. Hamlin Slowe of Roxburghe House, 273/287 Regent Street, London W1A 4SQ (Ref: 108).

CONTRACTS & TENDERS

WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Property Related Professional Services

The Authority is considering the transfer to the private sector of the property management and construction related services provided by its Property Services Department. Such a transfer would include the staff employed at the date of the contract, be effective by late 1994, and apply for a period of 3-5 years.

Organisations of suitable size and experience are invited to submit expressions of interest for some or all of the following services:

Architecture Building Maintenance
Catering Cleaning & Grounds Contract Management
Land Agency Quantity Surveying Services Engineering & Energy Conservation Structural Engineering Valuation

A notice, under the Pre-information procedures, was despatched on 3rd February, 1994 for publication in the Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Applications are to be submitted to:

R.J. Lander, FRICS, Director of Property Services, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JA. Telephone: (0225) 713201
Fax (0225) 713991

Further details will be provided to appropriate firms.

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Saint-André, the French wing, claims the ball with a towering leap before scoring one of his tries against England in the five nations' championship last year

Smiling Frenchman with inner steel

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ON A dank, dark day in May 1990, 15 Frenchmen trooped miserably off the pitch at Stade Patrice Brocas in Auch. Some famous names — Blanco, Dintrans, Roumat — had just become part of the first national side to lose to Romania at home and alongside them was another, Philippe Saint-André, who had just made his debut for France and may have thought that his international career was unlikely to stretch further.

Successive selectors have thought otherwise. On Saturday in Cardiff, Saint-André will play against Wales in his 33rd international. Three of the muscular wing's 14 international tries have been scored against the Welsh.

From that inauspicious beginning as a centre in Auch, he has become one of his country's dependables, capable of playing in any position in the three-quarters but firmly established as a try-poaching wing.

That reputation rests on his achievements at Twickenham in successive matches against England: in the grand-slam decider of 1991, it was Saint-André who rounded off that glorious 100-metre movement that started with Serge Blanco behind his own line and ended under the English posts. Two years later, he was at it again, this time with two tries in pursuit of the high ball, like a goal-hanging centre forward in football. That France lost both matches only goes to prove that sport is a capricious mistress, though Saint-André is likely only to shrug his shoulders, grin ruefully and return to his bar in Clermont-Ferrand.

He has been called the smile on the face of French rugby, though his hustling, bustling style betrays an inner steel. His colleagues sometimes refer to him as "*le Goret*", the little pig — he has occasional problems keeping his weight down — but his happy-go-lucky approach to life makes him one of the most appealing of sportsmen, a particularly vital ingredient on tour.

It was his first tour, to Australia in 1990, which showed that life at the top could be better than his debut suggested. His second cap came on the right wing in the third international against the Wallabies, in Sydney, when France won 28-19 despite having a prop, Philippe Gallart, sent off early in the second half.

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP

However, it was, perhaps, an incident a couple of years earlier that placed Saint-André's nose to rugby's grindstone. Born in Romans to a sporting family (his father was a talented footballer), he played senior rugby for the local club and 15 tries in his first season attracted offers from far and near. In 1988, he elected Montferrand, where he still plays. Within a year he had appeared for France B and the doors to the national side seemed wide open.

During his national service, however, he was out with the boys for one beer too many during an exercise in Corsica and was suspended: "I told myself I had to decide that it was possible to have a drink without emptying the whole barrel and that having taken my chance with a big club, I had to see just how far I could go," Saint-André, 26, said.

He had already made his mark as a junior tennis player, though he realised that he was unlikely to make the professional circuit. Yet the ability to play the angles and judge the flight of a ball came in handy when he found himself moving up the grades in rugby. He developed a direct style of running, in contrast to the former occupant of the French wing position, Patrice Lagisquet.

Saint-Andre's approach was more physical — a player for his times, perhaps: "I would love to score tries with my socks pulled up and chest out, but I have to be part of the team, part of the collective effort to make things happen, because that is the game we try to play these days," he said. "Even so, I was very proud to have been at the end of that try which brought Twickenham to its feet.

"It was not just that we were under pressure, playing behind our own line, but it started with Berbizier and Blanco, then Lafond and Sella and Camberabero and I was so flattered to have played with those legends and shared a try with them all."

He prides himself in talking equably about his sport. At ease before the television cameras, the thought of being trapped on a long flight without talking to the occupant of the seat next door makes him shudder: "Thanks to rugby, I have discovered all sorts of places. I know now where I can go without knowing anyone and come out having met 80 people."

A right chatterbox, the Welsh might think as he lines up against them on the French left on Saturday, but, as they and others have found, Saint-André's is a particularly convincing line of chat.

England still troubled by initiative test



DAVID HANDS
Rugby Commentary

During the last 20 years — since the general acceptance of the coach's role in rugby union, curiously enough — the same refrain has echoed throughout the game in England: players struggle to adapt to the shape and pattern of a match, to the referee and to the tactics of the opposition.

Last weekend, the refrain cropped up again. "You have to learn to play what you see," Ian Smith, the Leicester coach, said as he ruminated on his club's narrow defeat of Wasps. Smith went on to recount the tale of the stand-off half who formed a key ingredient in the tactical plan to kick into the opposing 22 before striking for the tryline.

"At one stage, we had developed a five-on-three, giving us a two-man overlap and he still kicked." Smith said. "I asked him why afterwards and he said, 'You told me to kick.' " The coach could not get it into the player's head that, whatever the game plan, the initiative rested with individuals on the field to vary the plan according to the bounce of the ball.

That is the beauty of rugby, or of any sport: it gives the quick-witted player an opportunity to break the mould, to accept that the ball can bounce in an unexpected way. The Scots were quick enough to seize the moment when Andy Reed and Tony Stanger set up Rob Wainwright for the only try of the Calcutta Cup match earlier this month and the time is fast approaching when England have to show the same opportunism if they are to justify the high hopes expressed of them.

For England players to complain about Scotland's tactical approach was ludicrous. If they had conceded 80 points in their previous two matches they, too, might have sought a simple but effective plan to try to turn the tide. It is not enough to hope that the referee will award a convenient penalty. The game demands more initiative than that.

I doubt whether Dick Best and Mike Slemen will send England out against Ireland on Saturday prepared to play in only one way, but it is a dreadful habit of players to conform to a plan from which, when the need arises, they find it almost impossible to depart. Don Rutherford, the Rugby Football Union technical director, put it thus some seasons ago: "Good decision-making and adaptability still remain challenges to English players."

Since then, there has been much talk of refereeing standards, of the problems provoked by differing interpretations of the law which, to a degree, are justified. But what of those other standards, what of the basics of the game, good handling and passing, accurate kicking and good sweeping of the lineout? These are players' responsibilities.

The game demands spontaneity as a counterweight to the thud and blunder of the forward confrontation that has become the common coinage since the lawmakers decided to run counter to natural justice by turning the ball over to the defending team as some kind of reward for stifling creativity.

However, the game has become virtually impossible to referee consistently. In the southern hemisphere, the law is often ignored in the interests of the game; British officials are more diplomatic in their approach, but it has become clear that certain laws, such as players having to join a ruck or maul behind the back foot, are almost universally ignored.

The time has come for those who administer the laws to have a direct say in what laws they are going to administer. Maybe when the refereeing officers of the various unions gather in Sydney in April, they can emerge with just such a demand on behalf of their long-suffering amateur colleagues.

Carling rejects plan for Sunday rugby

WILL Carling struck a cautionary note in the debate over televised rugby union yesterday when he emphasised the players' distaste for Sunday rugby (David Hands writes). As his team prepared for the third weekend of the five nations' championship, the television contract for which must be renewed at the end of this season, the England captain came down firmly against the idea of staggered international weekends — one match on a Saturday, the other on a Sunday.

"I don't like the idea of Sunday rugby — we do have to go to work the next day," Carling said (though none of his colleagues has established quite such a successful career out of playing international rugby as the captain). Internationals were played on Sundays during the 1991 World Cup played in Britain, Ireland and France, but historically the concept has been shunned in England, even though it is the norm on the continent.

However, Carling is frank in his dislike of the present structured season. He favours a smaller league structure, with divisions of eight clubs (as opposed to ten) and the competition completed before the beginning of the five nations' championship.

"Played in March and April, the five nations' would take place in better conditions, players could build up to it knowing that the hard league games were out of the way and that this was the finale to the season," he said. "As it is, we have four drawn-out peaks in January, February and March and you wouldn't ask an athlete to do that."

Only this week, the Scottish Rugby Union came out in favour of moving the championship back in the season while the rival television companies may have strong views about changing the present championship formula, if the home unions are seeking from them a considerably enhanced fee.

WORD WATCHING

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CAROUSEL
(b) A tournament in which knights, divided into companies (quadrilles) distinguished by their liveries and dresses, engaged in various plays and exercises; to this were often added chariot races, and other shows and entertainments, from the Italian *carosello*, a kind of joust or feat on horseback: "Carousel is, in fact, a kind of superb betailored running at the ring."

CRULLER
(b) A cake cut from dough containing eggs, butter, sugar, etc., twisted or curled into various shapes, and fried to crispness in lard or oil, apparently an adaptation of the Dutch *cruller* to curl, EFris. *kruller* paper-curl, LG *kroll-koken* wafer-cakes: "The doughy doughnut, the crisp and crumbling cruller." "A species of cruller, fried in oil which has all seasons for its own."

PROSTOMIUM
(a) The part of the body situated in front of the mouth in certain invertebrates, as molluscs and worms, and in embryos, the pre-oral region. Adaptation of the Greek *prostomion*, literally a fore-mouth, or something before the mouth: "There is always a considerable portion of the body situated in front of the mouth, constituting the so-called pre-oral region."

RHADAMANTHUS
(c) In Greek mythology, a son of Zeus and Europa and one of the judges in the lower world. Hence used allusively for an inflexible judge, a rigorous or severe master: George Eliot, 1879: "A wondrously delicate machine for testing sovereigns, a shrewd implacable little steel Rhadamanthus, that lifts and balances each in turn."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 . . . Qxd4! and if 2 exd4 Rxe1+ 3 Kf2 Re2+ and Black is a clear pawn ahead.

SPORTS LETTERS

Time to take drastic action

From Mr T. S. McRoberts

Sir, After the last round of international matches, one must conclude that the recent changes in the laws of rugby union have served only to make the game duller and more frustrating. It is time for drastic measures. There are several options available to encourage running with the ball. Some of these, in decreasing order of effectiveness, are:

Reduction of the number of forwards (possibly from eight to five); a smaller ball, as in American football; backward throw-in from touch allowed; tackled player allowed to pass the ball if it has not touched the ground (restoration of an old liberty); side going forward awarded put-in at subsequent scrum (again restoration of an old law); the garryowen outlawed as potentially dangerous; the try valued at two points and all goals at one.

A period of intensive trials is needed to establish the best mix.

Yours faithfully,
T. S. McROBERTS,
Arragon House,
3 Church Street,
Twickenham, Middlesex.

From Mr David Gullick

Sir, The value of tries was increased from three to four and now five points in order to encourage more of them. As recent international matches have demonstrated, the incentive has misfired: or rather, it is equally strong on defenders preventing a try. At worst, a score of only three points is conceded by illegal prevention.

The logical remedy would be to reduce the points for a try — or increase those for a successful penalty, but I doubt that would appeal.

A different approach would be to remove the important, but less obvious, incentive for the defenders. Not only is a successful penalty worth much less than a converted try, it gives to the offenders valuable breathing-space and geographical gain: a new kick-off and the chance to establish the resumed game in the other team's half.

When under pressure, four points ahead and with five minutes to go, the conceding of a penalty is, alas, the "percentage ploy"; and when the international, league position or cup depends upon it . . . well, players are human.

So, when a penalty is conceded and a kick at goal taken (whether successfully or not), the game should restart with a scrum where the offence was committed, the innocent party to put the ball in. That should tip the balance a little in favour of trying to score a try.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GULLICK,
1 Heathbrow Road,
Welwyn, Hertfordshire.

Interest added

From Mr Simon Reed

Sir, David Hands's general argument about the banality of post-match interviews (February 11) is well reasoned, but in focusing on the Scotland v England rugby union match, he has picked the wrong battleground.

Enjoyment of a superb afternoon was lifted further by the interviews that followed. Because of, not despite, his emotion, Gavin Hastings demonstrated his team's depth of sorrow and frustration, and the producer's termination of the interview (after 30 seconds) allowed both captain and programme to keep their dignity intact.

Will Carling echoed the relief the watching Englishmen felt and his genuine praise of the Scots was heartening. In three minutes, the chief protagonists had given us a real insight into the thoughts of both teams. A sanitised version 30 minutes later would have been less powerful and more political.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON REED,
22 Midway,
Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Pride at stake on the green

From Mr P. N. Clare

Sir, Further to David Rhys Jones's article ("Charges of bias divide the world of bowls", February 8), the only source of the accusation that the imported bowls are illegal has been the company in Australia, whose managing director was quoted. No Australian lawn bowler has made that accusation.

Sets of our own Drakes Pride bowls, sent from Australia to the World Bowls Board and subsequently given three tests in the UK, had apparently changed their characteristics after leaving our Liverpool factory. Bowls randomly selected and tested by the WBB off our production line proved to be satisfactory.

At the Australian championships, where the bowls were tested and 20 failed to meet the standard, the testing was carried out by the Australian manufacturer whose market is being reduced by British-made bowls, especially our own Drakes Pride.

As recently as six years ago, that company had 100 per cent of the Australian market, whereas in 1993 Drakes Pride could claim that over 75 per cent of the top 20 Australian bowlers now use Drakes Pride bowls.

Drakes Pride's success in selling bowls to Australia, overcoming in the early days a considerable import tax, has been due to our willingness and ability to manufacture legal bowls to the particular requirements of weight, size, shape and performance that bowlers were demanding.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CLARE,
Director,
Drakes Pride Co.,
5-11 Springfield,
Liverpool 3.

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Unequal rights for women

From Mr Tony Adams

Sir, Viewers unfamilar with golf clubs may have thought that Northwood, featured on a recent Channel 4 documentary, was unique regarding its treatment of women members. In my experience, too many clubs still have, and continue to encourage, a similar attitude.

The saddest part is that the majority of male club members cannot see anything wrong with the current situation and refuse to accept women as equals once they venture into a golf club.

When I have discussed this situation with fellow club members, some of them committee members, I have heard statements such as:

"We can't allow women on the course on Saturday mornings, it would slow up play". Play by men at weekends at most courses is dreadfully slow already.

"They don't know the rules or etiquette." In my experience, few male members do either.

"They pay less, so why should they have equal rights?" Male veterans pay less, but they have full rights. Why not allow women members — and veterans — the choice, a full fee for full rights.

"They have no business experience, so they would be of no value on the committee." I don't feel a reply is needed to this point.

Will anything change? I doubt it very much. The same chauvinistic attitudes will remain and the same reasons will be given for not allowing women members equal rights.

Yours faithfully,
TONY ADAMS,
77 Whitehorse Hill,
Chislehurst, Kent.

Bowling legends

From Mr Ian Pont

Sir, We are organisers of the first "Legends' Academy", which features some of the greatest cricketers of all-time as coaches. This summer, over 30 days, we will concentrate on fast bowling, an area in which our national game has had problems.

The coaches are: Dennis Lillee, Jeff Thomson, Wes Hall, Charlie Griffith, John Snow, Michael Holding, Andy Roberts, Joel Garner, Wayne Daniel, Sir Gary Sobers and Malcom Marshall, and they are to coach club and schools players of all ages and standards at six centres around the country during July and August.

Regrettably, despite many approaches, no British company has offered us financial sponsorship for this high-profile event, even businesses who purport to back English sport.

We have worked hard for more than six months on this project which is aimed at giving English cricket a shot in the arm it so badly needs, at all levels. We have had no support from the Sports Council, the National Cricket Association or the Test and County Cricket Board, even though the coaches will help to spread interest in the game far and wide.

As a former county fast bowler, I know that good work is done by many people through the existing coaching network and sponsors support these enterprises. However, those tend to be elitist rather than targeted directly at bread-and-butter cricketers, which is the aim of our academy.

This country has not produced a fast bowler of note since Bob Willis retired in 1984 and it is long overdue to support a new initiative, which, we hope, will inspire the public and put fire into the belly of our bowlers.

Yours faithfully,
IAN PONT
(Managing Director, Master Class Communications),
123 Elderberry Gardens,
Witham,
Essex.

Praise due to Kapil Dev

From Mr Rajesh K. Singh

Sir, Michael Henderson (February 9) failed to give full credit to Kapil Dev's achievement in breaking the record of most Test match wickets.

In particular, it is unfair to belittle Kapil Dev simply because it took him 130 Tests to get to the mark. Of his wickets, 217 were taken on lifeless Indian pitches, designed for spinners, whereas the likes of Fred Trueman had pitches more suited to them. Trueman, though a fine bowler, would never have come close to the 595 wickets in 130 Tests played on the same pitches as Kapil Dev.

Kapil Dev would not dream of calling himself the greatest bowler in Test history. But in my opinion, he is the greatest all-rounder cricket has ever seen (Henderson limited his greatness to Indian all-rounders).

I would argue that he is greater than Ian Botham, not only because of the pitches he has played on, but because single-handedly he has led the Indian bowling attack for 16 years. Botham was a support bowler for the latter half of his career.

Yours faithfully,
RAJESH K. SINGH
(Secretary, Cambridge University Cricket Society),
Trinity Hall,
Cambridge.

Underdogs' day

From Mr S. Hindin

Sir, Rob Hughes (February 11), and others, have claimed that there had not been so few as seven representatives from the top division in the last 16 of the FA Cup since the Second World War. My records show that there were also seven in 1975-76 and 1989-90, and only six in 1981-82.

Yours faithfully,
S. HINDIN,
3 The Pines,
23 The Knoll,
Beckenham, Kent.

Dismay at Wigan's attitude to call of country

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WIGAN appear ambivalent towards international rugby league, even though they supply half the Great Britain side, and their attitude has upset the game's authorities.

The club prevented Martin Offiah's participation for Britain in the World Sevens by withdrawing his insurance cover, a move which has dismayed the board of the Rugby Football League (RFL).

The RFL now wants assurances that selection of Wigan players for the match against France in Carcassonne next month will not be subject to any conditions. The board is also reporting concern at the club's "recent fundamental attitude to international football" to April's meeting of the Rugby League Council.

Offiah escaped punishment for missing the sevens after the board learned Wigan's practice of honouring a player's contract when injured on international duty had been abandoned four days before he was due to leave for Sydney. Wigan's refusal to send half a dozen players to a national under-21 training camp at the start of the season, and criticism by Jack Robinson, the chairman, at Malcolm Reilly's dual role as Britain and Halifax coach, have also left an undercurrent of ill feeling.



Offiah: withdrawal

Warrington, the Stones Bitter championship leaders, are expected tonight to put Rowland Phillips, the Welsh second-row forward, on the transfer list.

Jonathan Neill, the St Helens forward, suffered a groin strain at Whitehaven on Sunday and, if it requires surgery, he will be out the rest of the season.

The British Amateur Rugby League Association has named a 26-man squad for the tour in June of Western Samoa, Tonga, Fiji and the Cook Islands.

GREAT BRITAIN AMATEUR SQUAD: S Bannister (Wigan St Patricks), W Bolton (Wigan St Patricks), P Brick (Newsome Magpies), J Brocklebank (Egremont), K Cashmore (York All Blacks), I Dawson (Widnes St Maries), S Davidson (Leigh Miners), G Dobbs (Saddleworth), L Durant (Mayfield), N Dye (Thatto Heath), B Ennis (Kells), S Farr (Hull Dockers), S Holgate (Hensingham), P Livett (Woolston), G Lumb (West Hull), S Mawdsley (Saddleworth), P McGee (Ellenborough), A Mercer (Heworth), D Morgan (Lock Lane), R Punchard (Lock Lane), D Roe (Hull Dockers), P Smith (Kells), R Todd (Hensingham), M Warburton (Leigh Miners), D Wheatley (Heworth), S Wyvill (Bewerley).

GREAT BRITAIN AMATEUR YOUTH SQUAD: (v Morocco Casablanca, March 4) J Fairhurst (Leeds Metropolitan University), M Harvey (Blackbrook), K Hetherington (Seaton), C Hewer (Hensingham), A Marsh (Stanley Rangers), M McAllister (Wath Brow Hornets), C McCabe (Nutgrove), C McKinney (Hensingham), A Morley (Eccles), M Morris (Leigh Miners), L Prest (Hensingham), J Riley (Blackbrook), W Ruddy (Millom), I Sinfield (Waterhead), R Waters (Mokdgreen), I Watson (Eccles), W Wilson (Wath Brow Hornets).

Harriers lift spirits in Kidderminster



Purdie: sparkle

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

If Cup fever has gripped Kidderminster, it has done so with a very clammy hand. Apart from the local ironmongers, which has mounted a brave display in their shop window, the town has not exactly hung out the bunting or unloaded the red paint. Kidderminster is not like that. Even though its team is on the verge of FA Cup history, it likes to celebrate its triumphs on the triangle not the trumpet.

The economy of the town is built on carpets, but years of recession have left the industry downtrodden and fostered a slight sense of inferiority and suspicion. Success has to be greeted with caution in case it heralds catastrophe. It has taken the marketing department of the local brewery, who have launched a special Harriers FA Cup beer in honour of the club's heroics, to sense the deeper currents of the West Midlanders' mood. Otherwise, it has been business as usual in the build-up to the fifth-round tie against West Ham on Saturday.

While welcoming every intrusion, every line of publicity, every distraction from the recession, the town has been mildly surprised by all the brouhaha. The club, too. Yes, this is the biggest day in the 108-year history of the Harriers and faxes from Sweden and Germany, a new fan club in Australia and shelves of empty ticket-stubs prove it, but the romance of the FA Cup is defined strictly in terms of long-term ambition and unglamorous qualities like organisation and hard work.

What makes them special is not a slack-jawed astonishment at their own success but their lack of excitement, their genuine well-researched belief that the quarter-finals of the FA Cup would not be a step too far.

The Harriers are not a team of butchers, bakers and candlestick-makers, poking fun at the pros, they are pros who, for one reason or another, have fallen out of the leagues and yet retain old ingrained attitudes. "Almost every member of the team has experienced big occasions," Paul Davies, the centre forward, said. "It's not as if we're wet behind the ears. There'll be no fear in our dressing-room on Saturday, that's for sure." Even in the Cup, their victories so far, over Birmingham and Preston, the sparkle of Jon Purdie notwithstanding, have been well-worked rather than spectacular. Not exactly predictable, but not earth-shattering either.

Dave Reynolds, club chairman for the past 12 years, sugar daddy, overseer, paymaster and local trouble-shooter, recalls his early days at the club when 200 was a good gate. This season, the Aggborough Stadium has been rocking, with average crowds of over 2,000, enough to persuade the club's board that Kidderminster can support a Football League team.

With a battle still to be won over the development of a new stand, the club needs all the help it can get. The FA Cup run has brought goodwill from all sections of the community. "The town has suffered badly through the past decade. They needed and deserved a lift and I hope we have provided it," Reynolds said.

Reynolds should know. He was born and bred here and, as "a wheeler and dealer of some repute", has three businesses in the town. He once played for Kidderminster's first team for an hour, as a substitute. "They saw enough of me then and never picked me again." Instead, he has guided the club from the boardroom, sometimes digging into his own pocket to pay the wages, provided employment for two of the team and, in harness with Graham Allner, the club's general manager, presided over a remarkable rise to the top of the Conference and the last 16 of the Cup.

"It's not been a matter of chance. We are a well-orchestrated club. But football is not a business you can plan for. It's down to a matter of inches sometimes. It might be the difference between us and £100,000 on Saturday. We genuinely believe we can beat West Ham and cause one of the biggest shocks since the War." Maybe then, the town would roll out the red carpet.

Positional mistake costly for victorious Hendry

BY PHIL YATES

STEPHEN Hendry narrowly missed out on driving away from the International Open in a Rolls Royce Silver Spirit worth £110,000 when he failed three pots short of a 147 break during his 5-2 third-round victory over Tony Drago in Bournemouth yesterday.

Hendry, who compiled an unprecedented ten century breaks on the way to capturing the title last year, potted 15 reds, 15 blacks, yellow, green and brown in the first frame before overscrewing for position on the blue. It was an agonising end to a superb break, with the pink close to a top pocket and the black on its spot.

As part of a lucrative sponsorship deal between Hendry's Scotland-based Cuemasters management stable and the clothing retailers, Sweater Shop, Hendry would have received the keys to the Rolls Royce as his reward for scoring a 147 in a televised match.

His post-match reaction was predictable. "At the time, I couldn't afford to be too disappointed because I'd still got a match to play," the world champion said. "But now, the more I think about it, the more gutted I feel.

"You get one chance like that a season but it all went wrong because I hit the cue-ball too sweetly after potting the brown." Hendry would also have collected a £20,000 bonus from the tournament prize-fund for the maximum, in addition to the £1,200 highest-break prize.

Inevitably, all the talk was of the errant positional shot which left Hendry, who also included breaks of 89, 73 and 115 during an excellent performance, a virtually impossible cut across the baulk cushion on the blue.

However, in order to keep the enthralling break going, Hendry had been forced to pot two spectacular reds, a tricky black with the cue-ball tight in the jaws of a pocket and a green from distance.

In the quarter-final tonight, Hendry renews his recently intense rivalry with his compatriot, Alan McManus, who yesterday completed a 5-1 win over Tony Knowles with a 140 total clearance.

McManus beat Hendry 5-4 at the corresponding stage of the Welsh Open in Newport two weeks ago and 9-8 in the Benson and Hedges Masters final on Sunday, ending Hendry's 23-match, five-year unbeaten record at the event.

Steve Davis, who beat McManus 9-6 in the Welsh Open final, also progressed when he recovered from 3-2 down to register a 5-3 victory over Steve James.

RESULTS

SECOND ROUND: T Griffiths (Wales) bt M Price (Eng) 5-3.
THIRD ROUND: S Davis (Eng) bt S James (Eng) 5-3; J Parrott (Eng) bt J Ferguson (Eng) 5-0; J Swail (N Ire) bt G Wilkinson (Eng) 5-4; S Hendry (Scot) bt T Drago (Malta) 5-2; A McManus (Scot) bt A Knowles (Eng) 5-1; J Wattana (Thai) bt D Roe (Eng) 5-3.

Norwich sign Adams and reject enquiry for Sutton

BY KEITH PIKE

HAVING banked £2.25 million from the sale of Ruel Fox to Newcastle United, Norwich City yesterday attempted to replace him at a fraction of the cost. Norwich have agreed a fee of £250,000 with Oldham Athletic, their FA Carling Premiership rivals, for Neil Adams.

Adams, 28, travelled to Carrow Road yesterday for a medical and to discuss personal terms. Providing there were no unexpected problems, Adams, the winger who began his career with Stoke City, his home-town club, before moving to Oldham via Everton, is likely to complete the transfer today and could make his debut against Swindon Town at the County Ground on Saturday.

He will be John Deehan's first signing since becoming Norwich manager. "Neil has always been my No 1 choice," Deehan said. "He is a quality player who has spent the majority of his career in the top division and will add competition for places in the team."

Robert Chase, the Norwich chairman, has denied speculation that he has agreed to sell Chris Sutton, his highly-rated striker, to Arsenal. Chase confirmed that Arsenal had enquired about the availability of Sutton, whose outstanding form and 20 goals this season have made him the target of several leading clubs, but rebuffed suggestions that a fee of £4 million had been agreed with Arsenal in a deal that would see Sutton loaned back to Norwich until the summer.

"There is no deal at all and no question of doing one," Chase said. "I can't be more positive than to say that. We have no desire to see Chris leave Carrow Road and, from what he said recently, he seems to be very happy here."

Norwich are believed to have already rejected one bid of £3.25 million for Sutton from Blackburn Rovers and it is likely that Manchester United would also be contenders for his signature once he was made available.

The fee for Sutton would put Manchester City out of the reckoning, but the club confirmed yesterday that, following Francis Lee's arrival as chairman, funds have been made available for Brian Horton, the manager.

"We are now very active in the market. Looking for a player and a striker is a priority," Colin Barlow, the managing director, said. It is thought that Horton has been given around £3 million to spend, with three forwards from outside the Premiership — Andy Walker, of Bolton Wanderers, Paul Kitson, of Derby County, and Nathan Blake, whose goal for Cardiff City put Manchester City out of the FA Cup — among the likely targets.

Frank McAvennie, the former Scotland striker, will join Swindon on loan from Celtic today. The initial agreement is for a month, but it could be extended to the end of the season.

Roy Evans, who has seen his side concede six goals in two games since succeeding Graeme Souness as manager of Liverpool, is considering dropping Bruce Grobbelaar, his veteran goalkeeper, for the Premiership match against Leeds United at Elland Road on Saturday.

Grobbelaar, 36, has not missed a game this season, but Evans said yesterday that he was considering making changes to his defence after Liverpool followed a 2-2 draw at Norwich City with a 4-2 defeat at Southampton on Monday.

"One or two things are going around in my mind," Evans said. "We are not satisfactory defensively. We have let in too many goals for a top team." David James, the club's third-choice goalkeeper behind Grobbelaar and Mike Hooper at the start of the season, may now be given a chance to reclaim his place.

"James is figuring in my thoughts," Evans said. "He has great potential and needs the chance to fulfil that at some stage."

Souness himself has been linked with a move to take over as coach of AS Monaco, but the possibility was described yesterday as "out of the question" by Henri Biancheri, the French club's general manager.



After an inconsistent spell, Grobbelaar may be dropped by Liverpool for the match against Leeds United

Hamilton takes Northern Ireland job

BRYAN Hamilton, who won the first of his 50 Northern Ireland caps when a part-time player with Linfield, was yesterday appointed national manager in succession to Billy Bingham (Keith Pike writes).

The announcement came a day after Jimmy Nicholl, the Raith Rovers player-manager and formerly Bingham's assistant, rejected the job. "We were talking tuppence and I would still have been earning far less than I do with Raith," Nicholl said.

Nicholl had been on a shortlist that also contained two other former internationals, Gerry Armstrong and Chris Nicholl. "There were three other candidates but they hadn't been working and they were possibly prepared to accept anything," Jimmy Nicholl said. "I wasn't."

Hamilton, 47, who was dismissed as manager of Wigan Athletic 11 months ago, has signed a contract that expires at the end of the 1996 European championship finals. He will fly to Vienna today to confirm dates for Northern Ireland's group six qualifying games that begin in September. His first match in charge is against Romania in Belfast on March 23.

Hamilton made his international debut in the 3-0 win against Turkey in 1969, and had won six caps before Bobby Robson paid Linfield £15,000 to take him to Ipswich Town in 1971. Four years later he joined Everton, then managed by Bingham, for three times that amount. After Bingham's dismissal, Hamilton played for Millwall and Swindon Town before becoming player-manager of Tranmere Rovers. He also managed Leicester City before returning to Wigan as chief executive. He reverted to manager, but was dismissed last March.

FOR THE RECORD

CRICKET

ICC TROPHY: East and Central Africa 98, Bangladesh 99-4, United States 206, United Arab Emirates 209-6. Israel 89, Canada 90-2. Hong Kong 154, Bermuda 154-8 (Bermuda won by losing fewer wickets), Denmark 219, Fiji 126, Singapore 116, Namibia 117-5

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney: New South Wales 298-5 (M Bevan 57) v South Australia

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Guildford Kings 77 (Brown 21), Worthing Bears 93 (Hamid 27) (agg: 145-164).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland 111 Denver 99, Detroit 100 Washington 93, New Jersey 103 New York 83, Orlando 102 Boston 92, Minnesota 97 Milwaukee 90, Portland 106 Dallas 103 Houston 103 Atlanta 99, San Antonio 109 Indiana 100, Seattle 133 Philadelphia 105, Golden State 123 Sacramento 112, Los Angeles Clippers 100 Los Angeles Lakers 89

BOWLS

OGWR: Welsh women's indoor championships. Semi-finals: Singles: J Davies (Ogwr) bt L Evans (Swansea) 21-19, B Morgan (Radnorshire) bt M Jones (Merthyr Tydfil) 21-8. Pairs: A Daniton and E Brown (Vale of Glamorgan) bt J Wills and W Morris (Swansea) 22-11; J Davies and B Morgan (Radnorshire) bt B Thomas and D Kendall (Torfaen) 16-12. Triples: Swansea (W Morris) bt Rhondda (M Tanner) 22-11; Cardiff (M Pomeroy) bt Radnorshire (D Rowlands) 21-15. Fours: Ogwr (J Davies) bt Swansea (E Thomas) 31-15. Finals: Beach (J Ellis) bt Cardiff (P Johns) 18-16

FOOTBALL

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: London Insurance FA XI 1 Old Boys League XI 2.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Alleyne's 8 Barker Coll, Buenos Aires 0

Late results on Tuesday

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Pescara 3 Brescia 2 (agg 3-3, Brescia win on away goals)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Falkirk 3 Stirling Albion 1

FA TROPHY: Second round, replay: Gretna 0 Gateshead 1 (aet)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Carlsberg Trophy: Third round: Aveley 0 Hornchurch 2, Chertsey 7 Thame 3, Cove 1 Barnstead 3

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby 0 Coventry 3. Second division: Manchester City 1 Rotherham 1.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Dunston 0 Eppleton 1, Seaham 3 Guisborough 2

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First Division Cup, Bamber Bridge 3 Farsley Celtic 0

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Gravesend 4 Wealdstone 1, Dr Martens Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Gresley 1 Burton 0

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Lamot Pils Trophy: Haslingden 3 Oldham Town 3

OTHER MATCHES: Fiorentina (It) 2 Colombia 0, Atletico Madrid 1 Tottenham Hotspur 2

CRESTA RUN

GEORGES PRADE CUP: 1 M Digeacomo (US) 159.62sec, 2, M Andrew (GB) 160.51, 3, R Sheppard (GB) 161.24

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCHES: St George's, Weybridge 4 Dulwich 2, Seaford 1 Whitgift 1, Repton 0 Rugby 6, Repton 2 Wrekin 0, Uppingham 6 Rugby 0, Bedford Modern 2 Cheltenham 4, Dean Close 5 Marlston Combe 3, Stowe 3 Haileybury 3, Aldenham 4 Royal Russell 0, Charterhouse 4 HA XI 2

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Pittsburgh 5 Winnipeg 3, New York Islanders 2 Tampa Bay 1, Edmonton 2 Washington 2, Toronto 5 Detroit 4 (OT), St Louis 3 Vancouver 2, Philadelphia 6 San Jose 4

SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH International Open: Second round: N Foulds (Eng) bt J Burnett (Scot) 5-2, J Parrott (Eng) bt D Reynolds (Eng) 5-1; S Hendry (Scot) bt N Terry (Eng) 5-0, A Knowles (Eng) bt D Taylor (N Ire) 5-3, D Roe (Eng) bt M Hallett (Eng) 5-4, J Davis (Eng) bt A Jones (Eng) 5-1, J White (Eng) bt M Bennett (Wales) 5-0, G Wilkinson (Eng) bt C Thorburn (Can) 5-0, J Ferguson (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng) 5-1.

SHOOTING

LONDON: University smallbore rifle match (teams of eight): 1, Cambridge 1,556pts (S Jones 197), 2, Oxford 1,549 (D Lowe 195).

TABLE TENNIS

MANSFIELD: European league: Super division: Semi-final, second leg: England 4 Belgium 3 (England named first) Chen Xinhua bt P Saive 20-22, 21-10, 21-16, C Prean lost to J M Saive 16-21, 18-21, M Syed lost to T Cabrera 17-21, 17-21, Prean and A Cooke lost to J M Saive and Cabrera 16-21, 21-18, 16-21; Chen bt J M Saive 21-17, 21-15, Prean bt Cabrera 7-21, 21-19, 21-17, Syed bt P Saive 21-18, 21-18. Belgium won 7-6 on agg.

SQUASH

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Reebok Nottingham 3 Koylins Bamham Broom 2; Duffield 2 Mitsubishi Potters Bar 3.

TENNIS

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: LTA women's challenger tournament (England unless stated): First round: N Faber (Bel) bt C Wuillot (Bel) 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, C Schneider (Ger) bt E Bond 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; F Fortuni (It) bt N Tyrson (Holl) 6-3, 7-6, M Koutstaal (Holl) bt M Schnell (Ger) 6-2, 6-2. Second round: C Schneider (Ger) bt M Wamwright 6-2, 7-6, K De Weille (Holl) bt F Fortuni (It) 6-2, 6-0, L Niemantsverdriet (Holl) bt M Koutstaal (Holl) 6-1, 7-6, M Mensik (Austria) bt M Standish (Pol) 6-2, 6-2, J Ward bt G Coorengel (Holl) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, L Ahl bt S Parfomenko (Russ) 7-5, 6-4, M Seabold (Ger) bt N Feber (Bel) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, K Cross bt P Tampen (It) 6-0, 5-7, 6-1.

PHILADELPHIA: Men's tournament: First round (US unless stated): J Eltrich (Holl) bt P Sampras 7-6, 6-4; J Courier bt D DiLuca 6-3, 6-0, P Haarhuis (Holl) bt J Connors 6-4, 2-6, 7-6, 7-3; G Ruseduski (Can) bt J Palmer 7-6, 7-6, J Grabb bt L Garcia 7-5, 6-2, A O'Brien bt B Black (Zim) 7-5, 7-6, J Stark bt S Pescosolido (It) 7-6, 7-6

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: First round: S Bruguera (Sp) bt A O'Hewsley (Russ) 7-6, 7-6, 6-4, A Boetsch (Fr) bt P Korda (Cz) 6-2, 7-6; I Kafelnikov (Russ) bt B Gilbert (US) 7-6 6-1. Second round: S Edberg (Swe) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 7-6 6-1, B Becker (Ger) bt D Prinosil (Ger) 6-1, 6-4.

OKLAHOMA CITY: Women's tournament (US unless stated): First round: B Schultz (Holl) bt M Bollegraf (Holl) 6-3, 6-1, L McNeil bt R Simpson Alter (Can) 6-3, 6-1, S Cecic bt T Ignatieva (Belo) 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, A Grossman bt C Deisie (Can) 6-3, 7-6, K Adams bt A Miller 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, J Steven bt N London 6-3, 6-3, L Harvey Wild bt T Whitinger 6-4, 1-6, 7-6; Z Garrison Jackson bt C Cretaz (Rom) 6-0, 6-4, R Zrubakova (Slovakia) bt L Weerasunya (S Lanka) 6-3, 6-2.

PARIS: Women's tournament: First round: J Halard (Fr) bt E Wagner (Bel) 6-3, 6-2; S Cecchini (It) bt C Wegnink (Holl) 6-1, 6-2; C Vis (Holl) bt N van Lottum (Fr) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; L Courtois (Bel) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 6-1, 6-1; L Meskhi (Geo) bt K Oeljeklaus (Holl) 6-3, 6-2; P Langrova (Cz) bt A Olivier (Fr) 6-4, 7-5, S Appelmans (Bel) bt S Wasserman (Bel) 7-6, 6-1; P Begerow (Ger) bt S Pekowsky (Fr) 6-3, 6-3; D Monami (Bel) bt M-Francesca Bentivoglio (It) 6-4, 7-5, L Golarsa (It) bt A Temesvari (Hun) 6-3, 6-2.

PEKING: Women's tournament: Second round: T Lyao (China) bt Y Jingqian (China) 7-5, 6-1; P Shriver (US) bt P Thoren (Fin) 6-2, 6-3, A Sanadova (Cz) bt R Tedjakusuma (Indo) 6-3, 6-0; A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) bt E Ida (Japan) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; M Miyauchi (Japan) bt J Byrne (Aust) 6-2, 6-2.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Notts County v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0). Second division: Bradford v Rotherham (7.0); Huddersfield v West Brom (7.30)

FA YOUTH CUP: Fifth round: Bradford City v Blackburn (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European men's clubs championship: Real Madrid v Guildford (8.0). Budweiser League: Birmingham v Chester (8.0).

BOXING: British welterweight championship: Del Bryan v Derek Grainger (Goresbrook Leisure Centre, Dagenham).

SNOOKER: International Open (Bournemouth)

TABLE TENNIS: Women's European League: Final, first leg: England v Germany (Crewe).

TENNIS: LTA women's challenger tournament (Newcastle upon Tyne).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	130	215	good	varied	good	fine	-6	14/2
(Piste conditions remain excellent)								
AUSTRIA								
Igls	10	65	good	varied	poor	fine	0	13/2
(Pistes remain good despite bare patches)								
Kitzbühel	55	150	good	crust	good	sun	-2	13/2
(Beautiful sunny skiing all day)								
Obergurgl	105	155	good	crust	good	fine	-2	11/2
(Excellent skiing continues to predominate)								
Schladming	45	150	good	crust	art	fine	1	12/2
(Excellent skiing on all upper slopes)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	150	240	good	varied	good	fine	-10	15/2
(Excellent skiing at all levels)								
Avoriaz	170	210	good	varied	good	fair	-4	15/2
(Excellent snow conditions on and off piste)								
Isola	240	350	good	powder	good	fine	-1	15/2
(Pistes benefiting from good grooming)								
La Plagne	150	310	good	varied	good	fine	-2	15/2
(Cold weather preserving excellent snow)								
S Chevalier	50	165	good	varied	good	fine	0	14/2
(Superb piste skiing on all upper slopes)								
Tignes	135	280	good	crust	good	fine	-6	10/2
(Piste skiing excellent at all levels)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	100	120	good	fair	good	cloud	-6	16/2
(Light snow showers refreshing slopes)								
C Montana	40	150	good	varied	good	fine	0	15/2
(Enjoyable skiing if somewhat busy)								
Mürren	70	160	good	varied	good	snow	-3	16/2
(Great skiing on well groomed pistes)								
Villars	40	170	good	crust	fair	fine	2	10/2
(Pistes hard with some icy patches)								
Wengen	35	100	good	fair	good	fine	-1	15/2
(Some icy patches on lower slopes)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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Lambourn trainer looks to talented Master Oats at Newcastle

Bailey's chasers tap rich vein

By Julian Muscat

IT HAS the makings of a banner season. With more than 100 days to come, Kim Bailey, with 53 winners, stands four short of the personal best he achieved in the last campaign. Just under four weeks from the riches of Cheltenham, stable earnings have already surpassed those accrued in 1992-93.

All this has been achieved without a headline horse among the 58-strong team, although Bailey, 40, hopes to put that right when Master Oats contests the £25,000-added Tote Eider Chase at Newcastle on Saturday. The Prestbury festival beckons for this improving eight-year-old and, beyond that, the Martell Grand National, the biggest pot of all.

Bailey, master of The Old Manor yard in Lambourn, has been the trainer to follow in steeplechases this term. His haul of 42 chase winners comfortably exceeds the best efforts of his contemporaries, none of whom can boast a better strike-rate than his 34 per cent. Clearly the stable, like Master Oats, is on something of a roll.

The distance of Saturday's race — an extended four miles — is unchartered territory for Master Oats, but his trainer is undaunted. "He was never troubled by 3¼ miles at Uttoxeter first time out. The further he goes the better he seems, so I do not foresee the distance bothering him," he said yesterday.

That Uttoxeter victory also highlighted an aspect of the horse's constitution that has changed his regimen. Once a highly-strung individual, Master Oats used to break blood vessels. Consequently he is exercised twice daily, as opposed to once, as Bailey and his staff strive to minimise the stress factor.

"Nobody knows for sure why horses break blood vessels, but I'm convinced half the reason is through stress or pressure. Master Oats does not work as hard as the others and is never remotely taxed," he explained. "Anyone who can find a cure for it would undoubtedly make a lot of money."

Nevertheless, Master Oats now stands at the crossroads of his relatively short career. The handicapper, doubtless irked by his three wins from four seasonal starts, has raised him 10lb for the last of them, gained at Lingfield three weeks ago.

Bailey feels this is extreme. "The horse has beaten nothing of note," he protested, admittedly prior to the impressive victory of his immediate Lingfield victim, Fiddlers Three, at Folkestone yesterday.

Partly on that account, the Tote yesterday shortened Master Oats to 11-4 from 7-2 for Saturday's race. Meanwhile, another progessive performer, Tartan Tyrant, from Gordon Richards's stable, was backed into 4-1 from 11-2. The David Nicholson-trained Moorcroft Boy remains the sponsor's favourite at 9-4.

Asked to sum up the race, Bailey all but replicated the bookmakers' thinking when he said: "I think Master Oats has got a serious chance. But I'm worried that Tartan Tyrant is well handicapped, and you've got to respect Moorcroft Boy."

But he knows that Master Oats will have to trouble them all if he is to make the difficult transition to the ranks of top-class handicappers. A damaged tendon, which forced him to miss the whole of last season, has already curtailed his experience over fences.

Bailey will be strongly represented at Cheltenham if the ground dries out. Martomick, Richville, Bertone, Kings Fountain and Far Senior all hold engagements: the latter two, like Master Oats, are candidates for the National. None of these stable stars has won enough prize-money to figure among the top 20 earners of the season, a facet that makes Bailey's standing in the trainers' table — he is in fifth place — all the more meritorious.

"I haven't got the money behind me to go after proven horses," he said in defence of his string. "Mind you, to buy an Irish bumper winner you need to have £40,000 just to say 'good morning' to their owners." That is proving but a minor handicap to Bailey, whose season has been such that he is assured of a welcome reception when he says "good morning" to his staff.



Bailey is enjoying a commendable strike-rate this term with his 58-strong team

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: JAILBREAKER
(3.10 Sandown Park)
Next best: Marros Mill
(4.40 Leicester)

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Shujan
2.35 Spikey
3.10 Jailbreaker
3.45 Miami Splash
4.15 Double Silk
4.50 The Bud Club

Brian Beel: 4.15 Double Silk.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN BACK STRAIGHT) SIS

2.00 VILLAGE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,905: 2m 110yd) (5 runners)

101 11 SHUJAN 52 (D,G,S) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 5-11-8 ... G McCourt [illegible]
102 1114-21 ASLAN 28 (D,S) (R Green) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-4 ... M Dwyer 80
103 21-2053 ATOURS 50 (B,G) (Lady Camilla Dempster) C Brooks 6-11-0 ... G Bradley –
104 5 FENGARI 66 (A Aylett) A Aylett 5-11-0 ... N Williamson 69
105 JAMES IS SPECIAL 194F (J Thomas) H Collingridge 6-11-0 ... V Smith –

BETTING: 4-6 Shujan, 7-4 Aslan, 10-1 Atours, 14-1 James Is Special, 20-1 Fengari.

1993: SATIN LOVER 5-11-8 G McCourt (1-5 fav) N Tinkler 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHUJAN beat Corrouge 8l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, good). ASLAN beat Five To Seven 3l in 17-runner novice hurdle at Ayr (2m, soft). ATOURS 6l 3rd of 6 to Miltonfield in National Hunt flat race at Leopardstown (2m, heavy). FENGARI 12l 5th of 14 to Bold Stroke in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft). JAMES IS SPECIAL 5l 3rd of 7 to Bay Tern in handicap at Ayr (1m 7f, soft). Makes hurdling debut.
Selection: SHUJAN

2.35 FAIRMILE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,877: 3m 110yd) (10 runners)

201 22F1/4-2 FAIR CROSSING 20 (G) (Mrs B Samuel) O Sherwood 8-11-10 ... J Osborne 91
202 303-315 YORKSHIRE GALE 10 (CD,G,S) (B Naylor) J Gifford 8-11-6 ... D Murphy 90
203 1U2241 LUCKY LANE 10 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Hamilton) P Hobbs 10-11-6 (4ex) ... C Maude 86
204 410-1F3 MR FLANAGAN 26 (D,G) (Mrs R Stanley) C Brooks 8-11-4 ... G Bradley 80
205 U-12333 SPIKEY 6 (D,G) (S Powell) J Jenkins 8-11-3 ... N Williamson [illegible]
206 3P-21F2 HOWARYAFXD 97 (S) (V Adams) Miss H Knight 7-11-0 ... M Perrett 86
207 330-21P EMERALD STORM 26 (G,S) (E McGrath) N Henderson 7-10-7 ... M A Fitzgerald 94
208 00-PUU0 ONE MORE RUN 19 (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) G Balding 7-10-4 ... B Powell –
209 P5P24/4- YOUNG ALFIE 426 (B) (J Panvert) J Panvert 9-10-0 ... M Hourigan 73
210 /PPP3U DRAW LOTS 7 (D Paull) P Rodford 10-10-0 ... I Shoemark –

Long handicap: Young Alfie 9-11, Draw Lots 8-1

BETTING: 7-2 Lucky Lane, 4-1 Fair Crossing, Spikey, 5-1 Mr Flanagan, 6-1 Yorkshire Gale, 8-1 Emerald Storm, 10-1 Howaryafxd, 16-1 One More Run, 20-1 others.

1993: AMMO CHILONE 7-11-9 P Hide (11-2) J Gifford 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

FAIR CROSSING beat 2nd of 11 to Road By The River in novice handicap chase at Doncaster (3m, good to soft). YORKSHIRE GALE beat SPIKEY (10lb better off) 2½l in 6-runner novice chase over course and distance (3m 110yd, good) with LUCKY LANE (7lb better off) unseated rider. LUCKY LANE beat Irish Bay neck in 5-runner novice chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft) with YORKSHIRE GALE (same terms) 34l 5th. MR FLANAGAN 10l 3rd of 6 to Your Well in novice chase at Haydock (2m 4f, soft). SPIKEY 18l 3rd of 9 to One Man in grade II Reynoldstown Novice Chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, soft). HOWARYAFXD best effort, beat Taurus 7l in 10-runner novice chase at Worcester (2m 7f, soft). EMERALD STORM beat Well Briefed 2l in 15-runner novice handicap chase at Windsor (2m 5f, good)
Selection: SPIKEY (nap)

3.10 LONDESBOROUGH HANDICAP CHASE (£4,440: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

301 324110 CATCH THE CROSS 35 (B,D,F,G,S) (D Beswick) M Pipe 8-11-12 ... M Foster 97
302 2F3222- NORMAN CONQUEROR 342 (B,D,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 9-11-5 ... S Smith Eccles 88
303 2225-UP BALDA BOY 12 (B,S) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 10-11-4 ... B Powell 93
304 132/333 BUCK WILLOW 12 (CD,F,G) (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 10-11-3 ... D Murphy 85
305 10/PP4U MIGHTY FALCON 8 (D,F,G,S) (R Tory) D Elsworth 9-10-13 ... J Osborne –
306 15-2321 JAILBREAKER 15 (D,G,S) (Jack-Del-Roy) B Millman 7-10-2 ... M A Fitzgerald [illegible]
307 30-5232 LOVE ANEW 15 (F,G) (D Bowlett) M Dixon 9-10-0 ... N Williamson 91

Long handicap: Love Anew 9-11

BETTING: 9-4 Jailbreaker, 3-1 Buck Willow, 5-1 Catch The Cross, 6-1 Love Anew, 7-1 Norman Conqueror, 10-1 Balda Boy, 12-1 Mighty Falcon.

1993: LAKE MISSION 8-10-1 J Osborne (4-1) S Sherwood 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CATCH THE CROSS beat JAILBREAKER (same terms) 15l in 4-runner handicap chase at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. NORMAN CONQUEROR ¾l 2nd of 6 to Travelling Wrong in handicap chase at Newbury (3m, good to soft). BALDA BOY 2l 2nd of 13 to For William in handicap chase at Leopardstown (3m, yielding) in March. BUCK WILLOW 22l 3rd of 8 to Richville in handicap chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) with MIGHTY FALCON (4lb better off) pulled up on penultimate start. JAILBREAKER beat Saraville 25l in handicap chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). LOVE ANEW 4l 2nd of 5 to Fiddlers Three in conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Windsor (2m 5f, good to soft).
Selection: JAILBREAKER

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

3.45 WAVENDON HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,128: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

401 P-11111 EDIMBOURG 58 (F,S) (Mrs I Winton) Miss H Knight 8-12-0 ... J Osborne [illegible]
402 P-43023 GALAXY HIGH 52 (B,D,BF,G,S) N Henderson 7-11-12 ... M A Fitzgerald 94
403 15-3652 MIAMI SPLASH 12 (D,BF,G,S) (G Weekes) P Hobbs 7-11-8 ... M Hourigan 98
404 411162 NORTHERN SADDLER 19 (D,F,G,S) (R Evans) R Hodges 7-11-5 ... B Powell 97
405 P0423P CLURICAN 26 (CD,S) (P Grundy) N Tinkler 5-11-4 ... G McCourt 98
406 1342/4 MAESTRO PAUL 20 (D,F,S) (H Pelham) J Gifford 8-10-10 ... D Murphy 87
407 31532-6 RED BEAN 17 (D,G) (B Thrift) J O'Donoghue 6-10-0 ... M Perrett 89

Long handicap: Red Bean 9-7.

BETTING: 6-4 Edimbourg, 7-2 Northern Saddler, 4-1 Miami Splash, 7-1 Galaxy High, 8-1 Clurican, 12-1 others.

1993: GYMCRAK STARDOM 7-11-3 L Wyer (3-1) M H Easterby 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

EDIMBOURG beat Djebel Prince 8l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, heavy). GALAXY HIGH best recent effort 3½l 2nd of 7 to Roc Color in novice chase at Plumpton (2m, soft) on penultimate start. MIAMI SPLASH neck 2nd of 4 to Highland Spirit in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft). NORTHERN SADDLER 7l 2nd of 9 to Dancing Paddy in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft) with MIAMI SPLASH (2lb better off) 3½l 5th. CLURICAN best recent effort 3l 2nd of 12 to Gymcrack Sovereign in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, soft). MAESTRO PAUL 16½l 4th of 11 to Jump Start in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to soft) on reappearance.
Selection: EDIMBOURG

4.15 WILFRED JOHNSTONE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,702: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

501 11111-1 DOUBLE SILK 23 (F,G,S) (R Wilkins) R Wilkins 10-12-4 ... R Treloggen (5) [illegible]
502 U41/11F- RADICAL VIEWS 336 (D,G,S) (Mrs A Murray) Mrs A Murray 9-12-4 ... E Bailey (7) 90
503 3/P4P/1- CERTAIN LIGHT 371 (CD,G,S) (Mrs A Campbell) Mrs A Campbell 16-12-1 ... T Hills (7) 74
504 622326- CROCK-NA-NEE 262 (D,G,S) (Mrs F Vigors) Mrs F Vigors 13-12-1 ... C Vigors (7) 71
505 4P04/ LOR MOSS 663 (D,F,S) (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 14-11-10 ... G Hogan (7) –
506 /2222-P MY MELLOW MAN 23 (S) (W Gooden) W Gooden 11-11-10 ... Miss P Curling (5) 81
507 P/6P0UP- DECRETO 320 (Mrs J Kendall-Davis) Mrs J Kendall-Davis 13-11-6 ... E James (7) –

BETTING: 1-3 Double Silk, 4-1 Radical Views, 12-1 Certain Light, 16-1 Crock-Na-Nee, 20-1 others.

1993: KNOCKELLY CASTLE 13-11-3 J Trice-Rolph (10-1) J Trice-Rolph 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE SILK beat Salcombe Harbour 25l in 9-runner hunter chase at Chepstow (3m, soft). RADICAL VIEWS best effort beat Mount Argus 4l in 12-runner hunter chase at Haydock (3m, good to soft) last season.
CERTAIN LIGHT best effort beat No Escort 1½l in 9-runner hunter chase at Huntingdon (2m 4f 110yd, soft) last season. CROCK-NA-NEE best effort 15l 2nd of 9 to Gold Shot in hunter chase at Warwick (3m 2f, good to firm) last season.
MY MELLOW MAN best effort 2½l 2nd of 13 to Knockumshin in hunter chase at Taunton (2m 3f, good) last season.
Selection: DOUBLE SILK

4.50 SPRING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,209: 2m 6f) (5 runners)

601 343212 EMPIRE BLUE 19 (G) (Mrs H Innes) J Bosley 11-11-10 ... M Bosley [illegible]
602 331 THE BUD CLUB 14 (G) (Bud Flanagan Leukaemia Fund) K Bailey 6-11-9 ... N Williamson 92
603 6-02412 DIVINE CHANCE 15 (BF,S) (R Morris-Adams) N Gaselee 6-11-4 ... J Osborne 97
604 0006 ROCK DIAMOND 20 (Mrs G Balding) G Balding 8-10-7 ... E Leonard 95
605 PP5UP2 UNEXIS 15 (D Mullen) S Mellor 9-10-0 ... M Perrett 97

Long handicap: Unexis 9-11.

BETTING: 7-4 The Bud Club, 5-2 Empire Blue, 3-1 Divine Chance, 6-1 Unexis, 10-1 Rock Diamond.

1993: FANTASY WORLD 7-11-4 E Murphy (10-1) J Gifford 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

EMPIRE BLUE 8l 2nd of 7 to Relkeel in novice handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). THE BUD CLUB beat Hot Punch 5l in 8-runner maiden hurdle at Edinburgh (2m, good).
DIVINE CHANCE 10l 2nd of 8 to Chief Rager in novice hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). Previously beat The Overtrumper neck in 14-runner novice handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, soft). ROCK DIAMOND 27½l 6th of 22 to Warfield in novice handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to soft). UNEXIS 3l 2nd of 14 to Aniletted in novice handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: EMPIRE BLUE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Jimmy Fitzgerald	3	9	33.3	D Murphy	14	65	21.5
C Brooks	12	48	25.0	M Perrett	8	45	17.8
M Pipe	17	75	22.7	J Osborne	15	86	17.4
Miss H Knight	3	14	21.4	G Bradley	4	33	12.1
K Bailey	7	35	20.0	B Powell	5	44	11.4
J Gifford	23	129	17.8	Only qualifiers			

TAUNTON

THUNDERER

2.05 Silver Standard. 2.35 Sovereign Niche. 3.05 Kiwi Velocity. 3.35 Aal El Aal. 4.05 SARAVILLE (nap). 4.35 Warfield.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.05 BLACKDOWN JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,781: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

1 5314 SILVER STANDARD 17 (S) T Forster 11-6 ... R Farrant (3) [illegible]
2 311 HABASHA 17 (D,G,S) M Pipe 11-5 ... R Dunwoody 97
3 0 ABU DANCER 118 K Cunningham-Brown 11-0 ... A Charlton –
4 04 PLAIN SAILING 29 M Meade 11-0 ... W Marston 79
5 P ZAYAN 12 D Gandolfo 11-0 ... P Holley –
6 06 AUSTRAL JANE 15 G Thorner 10-9 ... D Bridgwater 94
7 55U IMAGERY 118 R Baker 10-9 ... L Harvey 68
8 MALAIA 537F J Old 10-9 ... T Grantham –
9 0 PRINCESS TATEUM 27 M Channon 10-9 ... Lorna Vincent 81
10 WALID'S PRINCESS 201F R Frost 10-9 ... J Frost –
11 3 YOUNG TESS 78 Mrs A Knight 10-9 ... D Matthews (5) 92

5-4 Habasha, 5-2 Silver Standard, 9-2 Young Tess, 10-1 Princess Tateum, 16-1 Austral Jane, 20-1 Imagery, Plain Sailing, 25-1 Abu Dancer, Zayan, 33-1 Malaia, Walid's Princess.

2.35 PORLOCK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,781: 2m 1f) (11)

1 1259 CHICKABIDDY 20 (G) G Edwards 6-11-10 ... D Salter 93
2 0-65 GARDA'S GOLD 40 (S) R Dickin 11-11-9 ... D Meredith 88
3 654- CHARCOAL BURNER 293 (S) Mrs J Retter 9-11-3 ... R Davis 93
4 -425 CHANDIGARH 20F (BF) R Lee 6-11-6 ... P McLoughlin 93
5 PP30 PALM SWIFT 35 A Chamberlain 8-11-4 ... T Jenks –
6 3323 STAR MOVER 157 W Turner 5-11-2 ... R Darke 98
7 1250 ITS ALL OVER NOW 73 (D,F) Mrs A King 10-10-13 ... R Farrant [illegible]
8 -640 SLICK CHERRY 76 (G) K Cunningham-Brown 7-10-11 ... A Procter 89
9 0556 GROGFRYN 40F (D,G) C Popham 4-10-10 ... P Hide 93
10 09P- SOVEREIGN NICHE 257 (V,G) M Pipe 6-10-8 ... I Reynolds 94
11 -PF6 VERRO 21 B Forsey 7-10-0 ... S Curran –

7-2 Sovereign Niche, 9-2 Chickabiddy, 5-1 Chandigarh, 6-1 Star Mover, 7-1 Its All Over Now, 8-1 Charcoal Burner, 10-1 Slick Cherry, 14-1 Garda's Gold, 16-1 Grogfryn, 20-1 others.

3.05 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE QUALIFIER (£2,944: 3m 3f) (14)

1 U510 STAUNCH RIVAL 29 (C,BF,G,S) G Thorner 7-11-3 ... D Bridgwater 98
2 13-P BRAVO STAR 18 (F,G) K Bishop 9-10-10 ... W Marston –
3 U42 FLORIDA SKY 66 J Upson 7-10-10 ... R Supple 81
4 2P-P HILL TRIX 93 K Bishop 8-10-10 ... A Tory [illegible]
5 F254 MARTELL BOY 29 (S) D Barons 7-10-10 ... J Frost 94
6 14-F MELDON 45 (G) Mrs J Retter 7-10-10 ... R Davis (3) –
7 /R-P PHILIPPONNAT 24 (G,S) B Palling 8-10-10 ... B Clifford –
8 2462 DOLLY OATS 15 R Eckley 8-10-5 ... R Dunwoody 79
9 0- FRENCH PLEASURE 308 (F) D Gandolfo 8-10-5 ... P Holley –
10 -65P JUDYS LINE 66 (S) Miss S Waterman 10-10-5 ... D Salter (5) –
11 2FP2 KIWI VELOCITY 20 (G,S) P Hobbs 7-10-5 ... Peter Hobbs 96
12 UP4 MISS MUIRE 10 (F,G) R Curtis 8-10-5 ... D Morris 64
13 -00F PHYL'S LEGACY 23 Miss A Broyd 9-10-5 ... L Harvey 70
14 PP4F SHOREHAM LADY 18 S Cole 9-10-5 ... Lorna Vincent –

5-2 Florida Sky, 7-2 Kiwi Velocity, 5-1 Martell Boy, 7-1 Staunch Rival, 10-1 Dolly Oats, 12-1 Hill Trix, Meldon, 16-1 others.

3.35 TAUNTON MEMBERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,801: 2m 3f 110yd) (12)

1 /03 ELEMENTARY 19 (G,S) N Walker 11-11-11 ... R Marley 92
2 11-4 LYNCH LAW 19 (B,BF,F,S) M Pipe 6-11-2 ... R Dunwoody 89
3 -0P0 ANTI MATTER 20 (C,F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 9-10-6 ... Mr J Culloty (3) 96
4 -522 BROUGHTON'S TANGO 45 (C,F) M Heaton-Ellis 5-10-4 ... S Fergusley 92
5 F253 SURCOAT 10 (C,F) P Bailey 7-10-4 ... L Harvey 90
6 1210 HANDY LASS 52 (D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs A Knight 5-10-3 ... D Matthews (5) 89
7 -543 RAMBLE 13 (BF,G) J Old 7-10-0 ... T Grantham 52
8 2P04 KELLING 15 (B,BF,S) P Nicholls 7-10-0 ... Guy Lewis (5) 87
9 -431 AAL EL AAL 7 (G,S) P Hobbs 7-10-0 ... N Parker (7) [illegible]
10 0506 MARIOLINO 7 (CD,F,G,S) K Bishop 7-10-0 ... W Marston –
11 F266 SMILING CHIEF 20 (G) R Hodges 6-10-0 ... T Jenks (5) 85
12 34P0 PRIZE MATCH 10 (S) N Gaselee 6-10-0 ... R Supple 85

5-2 Aal El Aal, 4-1 Lynch Law, 6-1 Broughton's Tango, 7-1 Handy Lass, 8-1 Elementary, 10-1 Ramble, 12-1 Surcoat, 16-1 Kelling, Mariolino, 20-1 Smiling Chief, 25-1 others.

4.05 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£2,840: 3m) (9)

1 5413 AUCTION LAW 27 (D,BF,F,G,S) D Burchell 10-11-12 ... J Frost 97
2 1F-2 SARAVILLE 15 (BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 89
3 -120 CHANNELS GATE 20 (BF,G,S) J Edwards 10-11-8 ... J Railton 92
4 P231 GHOFAR 15 (B,D,F,G,S) D Elsworth 11-11-8 ... P Holley [illegible]
5 3533 SUNLEY BAY 22 (D,G,S) P Nicholls 8-10-8 ... Guy Lewis (5) 93
6 P-4P HOLY FOLEY 60 (B,D,F,G,S) Miss S Pitman 12-10-8 ... Peter Hobbs 23
7 0-P5 NOUGAT RUSSE 20 (D,F,G) N Twiston-Davies 13-10-7 ... D Bridgwater 87
8 335P POWDER BOY 45 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 9-10-3 ... T Jenks (5) 89
9 3545 LA CERISE 7 (B,G,S) K Bishop 11-10-0 ... M Moran (7) –

9-4 Saraville, 100-30 Auction Law, 5-1 Ghofar, 6-1 Channels Gate, 8-1 Nougat Russe, Sunley Bay, 20-1 others.

4.35 CRANMORE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,823: 3m 110yd) (14)

1 4321 LANSDOWNE 12 (S) G Ham 6-11-10 ... R Darke (7) 98
2 0414 MOBILE MESSENGER 29 (CD,S) D Burchell 6-11-8 ... Mr S Cherrie (7) 88
3 3413 LOVE YOU MADLY 23 (S) M Pipe 4-11-7 ... R Dunwoody 85
4 5355 HENRY VILL 29 N Twiston-Davies 6-11-7 ... D Bridgwater 93
5 414P VERY LITTLE 15 (B,D,BF,S) S Allner 6-11-6 ... S Earle 98
6 43-U FREDS MELODY 80 F Tucker 9-11-5 ... G Upton 92
7 3012 WARFIELD 12 (BF,S) P Nicholls 7-11-5 ... Guy Lewis (5) 97
8 6F35 FIRST LESSON 12 P Hobbs 8-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs 91
9 /FP HEAR A NIGHTINGALE 8 P Nicholls 7-10-12 ... Miss J Brackenbury (7) –
10 30P5 LAUGHING GAS 45 J Upson 5-10-10 ... R Supple 92
11 -60F MAHATMACOAT 20 Mrs J Retter 7-10-5 ... Mr J Culloty (7) 82
12 36P4 UP ALL NIGHT 15 R Curtis 5-10-0 ... D Morris 94
13 05P4 NAVAL BATTLE 23 (S) J King 7-10-0 ... T Jenks (5) 90
14 -30P CADOLIVE 35 G Ham 6-10-0 ... D Meredith (3) [illegible]

4-1 Warfield, 9-2 Lansdowne, 5-1 Love You Madly, 6-1 Very Little, 7-1 Henry Vill, Mobile Messenger, 10-1 First Lesson, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Old, 5 winners from 15 runners, 33.3%, J King, 4 from 14, 28.6%, M Pipe, 50 from 179, 27.9%, M Channon, 3 from 11, 27.3%, J Edwards, 3 from 15, 20.0%, R Lee, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: D Salter, 4 winners from 20 rides, 20.0%, D Morris, 4 from 24, 16.7%, Lorna Vincent, 4 from 26, 15.4%, P Holley, 5 from 33, 15.2%, Peter Hobbs, 5 from 46, 10.9%. Only qualifiers.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

2.10 Three Of Clubs. 2.40 Kosville. 3.10 Viva Bella. 3.40 Boll Weevil. 4.10 Vulpin De Laugere. 4.40 Native Worth.

GOING: SOFT (CHASE COURSE); HEAVY (HURDLES) SIS

2.10 OADBY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,022: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 34U0 BATHWICK BOBBIE 20 (B) A Turnell 7-10-12 ... S McNeill
2 5/PP BRADWALL 77 (F,S) G Barlow 10-10-12 ... A Thornton (3)
3 532/ CASTLE BANKS 1361 R Phillips 10-10-12 ... I Lawrence
4 00- CELTIC TOWN 303 O Sherwood 6-10-12 ... M Richards
5 423 FLAPJACK LAD 26 N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12 ... C Llewellyn
6 0000 THE PIPE FITTER 28 J J O'Neill 6-10-12 ... P Niven
7 00 THREE OF CLUBS 35 Miss H Knight 5-10-12 ... A Maguire

6-4 Flapjack Lad, 9-4 Bathwick Bobbie, 9-2 Three Of Clubs, 12-1 Castle Banks, The Pipe Fitter, 20-1 Celtic Town, 33-1 Bradwall.

2.40 VICARAGE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,780: 2m) (9)

1 2253 BAND SARGEANT 29 (BF) G Richards 5-11-13 ... N Leach (5)
2 00-6 ERLEMO 16 (V) W Clay 5-11-9 ... Diane Clay
3 KOSVILLE M Pipe 4-11-7 ... M Richards
4 6434 PRIORY PIPER 26 J Pickering 5-11-5 ... T Eley (5)
5 00P ANNE CARTER 35 C Smith 5-11-0 ... M Ranger
6 22R2 BITRAN 8 K Morgan 4-11-0 ... A S Smith
7 FILOU FILANT 168F J Jenkins 4-11-0 ... A Maguire
8 54 MR ABBOT 69 Mrs M Reveley 4-10-6 ... P Niven
9 PP COUSIN WENDY 15 J Pickering 4-10-5 ... A Thornton (3)

5-2 Mr Abbot, 7-2 Band Sargeant, Bitran, Kosville, 12-1 Filou Filant, 14-1 Erlemo, Priory Piper, 33-1 others.

3.10 TRIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,503: 3m) (5)

1 3-4P DEEP COLONIST 13 (D,G,S) T Tate 12-12-0 ... R Garritty
2 FF23 RIFLE RANGE 19 (D,G,S) J J O'Neill 11-11-13 ... A Maguire
3 42-1 MORGANS HARBOUR 22 (S) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-10 ... P Niven
4 5PU4 BARKIN 16 (D,G,S) G Richards 11-10-9 ... M Moloney
5 0122 VIVA BELLA 9 (B,BF,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-2 ... Mr D Parker (7)

6-4 Morgans Harbour, 5-2 Viva Bella, 6-1 Barkin, 8-1 Rifle Range, 12-1 Deep Colonist.

3.40 WREN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,837: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 3-14 REJOINUS 63 (C,D,BF,S) A Stringer 9-12-0 ... A Maguire
2 F001 SHANNON GLEN 9 (B,CD,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-10 ... I Lawrence
3 2221 DUO DROM 21 (V,D,G,S) Mrs D Haine 9-11-5 ... W Marston
4 1204 BOLL WEEVIL 52 (G,S) O Sherwood 8-11-4 ... M Richards
5 3441 SPOONHILL WOOD 12 (B,S) J Wharton 8-10-4 ... B Dalton
6 403P SMILES AHEAD 24 (G) P Bevan 6-10-0 ... T Eley (5)

9-4 Duo Drom, 5-2 Shannon Glen, 7-2 Spoonhill Wood, 4-1 Rejoinus, 8-1 Boll Weevil, 14-1 Smiles Ahead

4.10 THURNBY NOVICES CHASE (£2,477: 2m 1f) (7)

1 F212 PRECIPICE RUN 9 (BF,G,S) G Richards 9-11-8 ... N Doughty
2 /10- ALMANZORA 338 (G) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-2 ... I Lawrence
3 03F4 DAN DE LYON 7 D Nicholson 6-11-2 ... A Maguire
4 FF THE PUB 9 L Lloyd-James 8-11-2 ... J Corkell
5 P-4F TURF RUN 92 A Turnell 7-11-2 ... S McNeill
6 02P2 VULPIN DE LAUGERE 9 Mrs S Bramall 7-11-2 ... J Burke (5)
7 4-65 TAURIAN PRINCESS 47 (S) R Brotherton 5-10-2 ... W Humphreys

3-1 Turf Run, 7-2 Almanzora, 9-2 Vulpin De Laugere, 5-1 Precipice Run, 6-1 Dan De Lyon, 14-1 Taurian Princess, 50-1 The Pub.

4.40 SOMERBY NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,909: 2m) (8)

1 0511 NATIVE WORTH 35 (D,S) J Jefferson 11-10 ... P Williams (5)
2 2124 MARROS MILL 12 (S) D Nicholson 10-13 ... A Maguire
3 0 MASTER TOBY 19 N Twiston-Davies 10-12 ... C Llewellyn
4 04P3 PAPER DAYS 12 P Murphy 10-12 ... E Murphy
5 044 PRIMO FIGLIO 6 (B) Miss L Siddall 10-12 ... A Thornton (3)
6 53 SHAMSHADAL 12 J Jenkins 10-12 ... L Wyer
7 40 VOLUNTEER POINT 24 Mrs S Bramall 10-12 ... J Burke (5)
8 FP24 EVE'S TREASURE 26 S Campion 10-7 ... S Lyons (5)

9-4 Marros Mill, 3-1 Paper Days, 7-2 Native Worth, 6-1 Shamshadal, 10-1 Eve's Treasure, Master Toby, Primo Figlio, 16-1 Volunteer Point.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 27 winners from 75 runners, 36.0%, O Sherwood, 7 from 21, 33.3%, N Twiston-Davies, 5 from 16, 31.3%, Mrs J Pitman, 20 from 71, 28.2%, D Nicholson, 7 from 50, 14.0%, A Turnell, 3 from 22, 13.6%

JOCKEYS: C Llewellyn, 9 winners from 46 rides, 19.6%, M Richards, 5 from 26, 19.2%, R Dunwoody, 13 from 73, 17.8%, D Bridgwater, 5 from 30, 16.7%, W Marston, 4 from 26, 15.4%. Only qualifiers

SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Aztec, Goose Green, El Persa, Savoyard, Magwa, Precipice Lodge, Dramanice.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

1.50 Bobby Socks. 2.20 Cashable. 2.50 Switch. 3.20 Samjamalifran. 3.50 Tel E Thon. 4.20 Donosti. 4.55 Highland Flame.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 STAR'S DELIGHT.

GOING: HEAVY (CHASE COURSE); STANDARD (HURDLES) SIS

1.50 JULIET NOVICES HURDLE (£1,722: 2m 2f) (8)

1 3051 DULZURA 8 (G) A Jarvis 6-11-3 ... R Greene
2 F APOLLO VENTURE 13 P Butler 6-11-2 ... S Arnold (7)
3 4-P2 BOBBY SOCKS 14 (F,S) R Lee 8-11-2 ... W McFarland
4 5334 EARLY DRINKER 92 (G) O Sherwood 6-11-2 ... J McCarthy (3)
5 /00P GIVE ALL 15 H Manners 8-11-2 ... M Appleby (7)
6 06 LUCKNAM DREAMER 12F Mrs Barbara Waring 6-11-2 ... E Byrne
7 0FP3 SWING LUCKY 14 (B) K Ivory 9-11-2 ... R Campbell
8 020 HERETICAL MISS 9F (B) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-2 ... D Gallagher

9-4 Bobby Socks, 11-4 Dulzura, 7-2 Early Drinker, 7-1 Swing Lucky, 10-1 Heretical Miss, 25-1 Apollo Venture, Lucknam Dreamer, 50-1 Give All.

2.20 VALENTINE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,799: 2m) (9)

1 4222 SAFETY 21 (B,CD,F,G) J White 7-11-10 ... D Skyrme
2 4060 HATS HIGH 64 (D,G,S) F Gray 9-10-9 ... M Crosse
3 0340 BARTON ROYAL 21 (V) P Ritchens 4-10-6 ... R Guest
4 135F CYRILL HENRY 7 (F,G) P Winkworth 5-10-6 ... A Merrigan
5 6434 MILL BURN 21 (BF) I Campbell 5-10-6 ... R Campbell
6 0P23 MUSICAL PHONE 36 C Popham 4-10-5 ... A Dobbin
7 0044 RED INK 7 (B,D,F) J Jenkins 5-10-5 ... W Walsh (7)
8 6334 CANDLE KING 7 (B) H Manners 6-10-3 ... M Appleby (7)
9 3050 CASHABLE 26 (D,F) J Jenkins 4-10-0 ... D Gallagher

9-4 Safety, 5-1 Mill Burn, 11-2 Musical Phone, 13-2 Cashable, 7-1 Candle King, 8-1 Red Ink, 12-1 Cyrill Henry, 16-1 Hats High, 20-1 Barton Royal.

2.50 PRETTY GIRL CLAIMING CHASE (£2,420: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

1 54F- STAR'S DELIGHT 336 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 12-12-0 ... J Lower
2 23U- SWITCH 359 (B,G,S) C Brooks 8-12-0 ... D Gallagher
3 2-31 NATHIR 17 (S) P Butler 8-11-10 ... R Greene
4 0RP5 FALSE ECONOMY 15 (B,G,S) J Edwards 9-11-8 ... R Guest
5 3146 RADICAL REQUEST 17 (D,G,S) K Burke 11-11-4 ... D Fortt (5)
6 -4F5 HOMME D'AFFAIRE 22 (F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 11-11-2 ... D O'Sullivan
7 3U-2 JAMES MY BOY 50 (D,G,S) W Clay 14-11-2 ... M Brennan
8 -34P CEDAR RUN 45 (F,S) G Charles-Jones 11-11-1 ... D Meade
9 6-05 SERDARLI 16 (16) Miss L Shally 12-10-10 ... Mr J O'Shaughnessy (7)

3-1 Star's Delight, 4-1 Nathir, 9-2 Switch, 5-1 False Economy, 8-1 Homme D'Affaire, 10-1 Radical Request, 50-1 others

3.20 ROMEO MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,738: 2m 4f) (9)

1 6060 FLAPPING FREDA 5 J Jenkins 6-11-2 ... D Gallagher
2 U150 GLENGARRA PRINCESS 29 (G) D Gandolfo 7-11-2 ... J McCarthy (3)
3 0 HERES A RONDO 15 C Popham 11-11-2 ... A Dobbin
4 6222 HULLO MARY DOLL 21 S Mellor 5-11-2 ... Chris Webb (7)
5 UPP2 LIZZIES LASS 7 F Gray 9-11-2 ... G Crone (7)
6 -004 MERTON MISTRESS 33 P Winkworth 7-11-2 ... A Merrigan
7 SAMJAMALIFRAN 499F M Pipe 5-11-2 ... J Lower
8 P FREEBYJOVE 10 P Butler 4-10-5 ... S Arnold (7)
9 3560 LA POSADA 15 (V) J Moore 4-10-5 ... P Moore (7)

11-10 Samjamalifran, 4-1 Glengarra Princess, 6-1 Lizzies Lass, 13-2 La Posada, 8-1 Hullo Mary Doll, 12-1 Flapping Freda, 20-1 others.

3.50 RED ROSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,722: 2m 4f) (7)

1 3323 LUSTY LAD 36 (C,D,F,G) M Haynes 9-12-0 ... Chris Webb (7)
2 0131 ELEGANT KING 22 (D,G,S) A Jarvis 5-11-8 ... R Greene
3 6511 TEL E THON 14 (V,CD,F,G) P Jones 7-10-12 ... C Llewellyn
4 6-P1 TOO CLEVER BY HALF 14 (CD,G) R Johnson Houghton 6-10-6 ... Mr G Johnson Houghton
5 P056 CARFAX 35 (CD,G,S) R Hoad 9-10-0 ... M Hoad
6 UR22 WEST BAY 21 (F) T Thomson Jones 8-10-0 ... A Dicken (3)
7 -F32 CONSTRUCTION 7 (D,F) R Ingram 9-10-0 ... D Gallagher

5-2 Elegant King, 3-1 Lusty Lad, 4-1 Tel E Thon, 5-1 Too Clever By Half, 11-2 West Bay, 20-1 Carfax, Construction

4.20 CASANOVA CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,615: 2m) (4)

1 3111 DONOSTI 14 (CD,F,G) R Lee 10-12-0 ... D Fortt
2 1613 ROYAL CIRCUS 7 (CD,G) P Hiatt 5-10-13 ... S Wynne
3 53P0 PRESENT TIMES 86 (D,F,G,S) A Taylor 8-10-7 ... A Dicken
4 0365 MY SENOR 22 (V,D,BF,S) M Madgwick 5-10-5 ... J Clarke (4)

4-5 Royal Circus, 6-4 Donosti, 8-1 My Senor, 16-1 Present Times.

4.55 SWEETHEART NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,830: 2m) (10)

1 6615 MAJAL 27F (D,G) J Wainwright 5-12-0 ... P Midgley (5)
2 P430 DUTY SERGEANT 10 M Muggeridge 5-11-7 ... J McCarthy (3)
3 P602 LORD NASKRA 8 I Campbell 5-11-4 ... R Campbell
4 02FF LUCKY AGAIN 61 (G) C Popham 7-11-3 ... B Powell
5 0625 COMBRO STAR 7 (B) C Mann 4-11-0 ... DOUBTFUL
6 0530 CADMSEACH 40 (G) G Ham 6-10-11 ... S Mackey
7 6051 HIGHLAND FLAME 21 (C,G) A Blackmore 5-10-11 ... D Gallagher
8 F544 YAAFOOR 14 (V) P Hedger 5-10-10 ... D O'Sullivan
9 000P DELIFFIN 2F R Flower 8-10-6 ... D Fortt (3)
10 F0P RED LEADER 12 G Charles-Jones 4-10-1 ... D Meade

6-4 Highland Flame, 9-4 Majal, 6-1 Duty Sergeant, 6-1 Lord Naskra, 16-1 Yaafoor, 20-1 Lucky Again, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Hiatt, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%, R Lee, 6 from 19, 31.6%; T Thomson Jones, 13 from 43, 30.2%; O Sherwood, 3 from 12, 25.0%, J White, 12 from 57, 21.1%, J Jenkins, 17 from 87, 19.5%.

JOCKEYS: A Dicken, 19 winners from 54 rides, 35.2%, R Greene, 4 from 16, 25.0%, D Gallagher, 10 from 66, 15.2%, D O'Sullivan, 10 from 72, 13.9%; D Skyrme, 5 from 36, 13.9%. Only qualifiers.

Gifford in form with Folkestone double

JOSH Gifford and his stable jockey, Declan Murphy, were in fine form at Folkestone yesterday, completing a 76-1 double.

Gifford has seen some poor performances from some of his runners recently, but was pleased with the victory of Major Inquiry in the Canterbury Handicap Chase. The 6-1 shot, formerly a decent juvenile hurdler with David Elsworth, was not extended to hold the Adrian Maguire-ridden Gallant Effort for a 2½-length success.

Gifford said: "He has been breaking blood vessels, but has not done that for some time now. The handicapper has given him a bit of a chance and, hopefully, we'll pick up a few small races with him."

Marius, who had run poorly at Fontwell on his previous outing, completed Gifford's double in the Valentine Gorton Juvenile Hurdle without coming off the bridle. This provided a further setback for Maguire, who was again on board the second, 9-4 on favourite Nawar. "He looked very decent today," Gifford said. "Declan was very impressed with him, but he is not entered in any of the big ones. The entries for Aintree close today, but I didn't even bother to put him in. How could I after Fontwell?"

Maguire completed a frustrating day in the last race, when riding a third runner-up in Famous Dancer, who was beaten four lengths by Run High. To make matters worse, Maguire's rival for the jockeys' championship, Richard Dunwoody, rode a double at Southwell, cutting the gap between the pair to three.

Dunwoody's first success was provided by the Martin Pipe-trained Allegation, and he followed up on Mutual Benefit, whose victory ended a 168-day losing spell for owner-trainer Terry Casey.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Southwell

Going: standard

2.25 (2m 2f hdle) 1, BURN BRIDGE (Mr D Parker, 2-1 fav); 2, Rain-N-Sun (Mr I McLelland, 9-1); 3, Aldington Chapple (Miss L Boswell, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Santa Ponsa Bay (4th), 6 Rusty Roc (f), 8 Shamshom Al Arab (5th). 6 ran. 12l, 2l, 7l, 4l. T Caldwell at Warrington. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £3.60. DF: £12.50. CSF: £16.90.

2.55 (2m hdle) 1, CHAGHATAI (Mr B Leavy, 20-1); 2, Sharp Dance (B Powell, 10-1); 3, Major's Law (W McFarland, 4-6 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Saradva (5th), 7 Busting Around (6th), 12 Shatravy (pu), 20 Chiltern Hundreds (pu), 33 Green Mill (4th), Never So Lost (pu). 9 ran. 2½l, hd, 12l, 8l, 2l. W Clay at Fulford. Tote: £2.20; £2.20, £2.60, £1.30. DF: £43.50. Trio: £39.50. CSF: £178.77.

3.25 (2m 2f hdle) 1, ALLEGATION (R Dunwoody, 8-13 fav); 2, Bedouin Prince (G McCourt, 7-1); 3, Bozo Bailey (R Campbell, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Serabo View (5th), 16 Mulled Ale (4th), 25 Breol, Tango In Paris (6th), 33 Imperial Tokay. 8 ran. 5l, 3½l, 1l, 8l, 15l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £5.10. CSF: £6.10.

3.55 (3m hdle) 1, MUTUAL BENEFIT (R Dunwoody, 6-1); 2, Makeharp (T Eley, 9-2); 3, Arctic Life (Mr P Graffin, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Red Columbia (f), 5 Storm Island (pu), 10 Lafheen (4th), 25 Mount Ailey (pu). 7 ran. 15l, ¾l, 1½l. T Casey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £7.40; £2.00, £2.00. DF: £10.10. CSF: £30.11.

4.25 (2m 4f hdle) 1, KANNDABIL (G McCourt, 5-2; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Elder Prince (G Harker, 12-1); 3, Obie's Train (R Dunwoody, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav For Heaven's Sake (f), 14 Teeslemurederim (4th), 25 The Jet Set (5th), 66 Vital Singer (pu). 7 ran. NR: Omidjoy. 10l, 6l, 3½l, 7l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £3.20; £1.20, £4.60. DF: £18.00. CSF: £27.19.

4.55 (2m 6f hdle) 1, DESERT FORCE (M Richards, 10-1); 2, Court Circular (Diane Clay, 3-1); 3, Trust Deed (D Gallagher, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Cosmic Dancer (pu), 5 St Ville (6th), 20 Bahrain Queen (5th), Corly Special (4th). 7 ran. ½l, 6l, 2l, 1l, 30l. R Weaver at Rugby. Tote: £9.40; £2.90, £2.50. DF: £22.50. CSF: £38.87.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £9,762.38 carried forward to Sandown today).

Placepot: £118.40.

Folkestone

Going: good to soft (chases); soft (hurdles)

1.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, BALLET ROYAL (M Perrett, 6-4); 2, Isaiah (T Kent, 33-1); 3, Rio Trusky (J Railton, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Googly (4th), 16 Move A Minute (5th), 20 Sylvan Sabre (6th), 66 Auto Connection (pu), Kasbel, Lo's Girl (pu). 9 ran. NR: Master Bavard. 10l, 3½l, nk, 30l, 30l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £6.40, £1.70. DF: £29.90. CSF: £39.78.

2.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, MAJOR INQUIRY (D Murphy, 6-1); 2, Gallant Effort (A Maguire, 6-4 fav); 3, Faarls (J Railton, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Zamil (4th), 7-2 Secret Rite (5th), 33 Moze Tidy (pu). 6 ran. NR: Lyphento. 2½l, 20l, 20l, 1½l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £5.70; £2.00, £1.60. DF: £7.20. CSF: £14.40.

2.40 (3m 2f ch) 1, FIDDLERS THREE (R Farrant, 13-8 fav); 2, Betty Hayes (P Carey, 11-2); 3, Smooth Escort (N Williamson, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 7 Rockmount Rose (4th), 8 Running Sands (ur), 16 Carrigtawn (ur). 6 ran. 1½l, 2l, 30l. T Forster at Wantage. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £2.50. DF: £7.00. CSF: £9.76.

3.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, MARIUS (D Murphy, 10-1); 2, Nawar (A Maguire, 4-9 fav); 3, Visimotion (T Kent, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Fools Errand (4th), 100 Palace Parade (f). 5 ran. NR: Millmount. 2l, 8l, 1½l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £6.20; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £4.40. CSF: £14.72.

3.40 (2m ch) 1, MISTER ODDY (T Jenks, 6-4); 2, Harbinger (D Murphy, 11-2); 3, Handsome Ned (J Railton, 10-11 fav). ALSO RAN: 40 Letts Green (r). 4 ran. 25l, 3l. J King at Swindon. Tote: £2.50. DF: £3.80. CSF: £8.19.

4.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, RUN HIGH (Mr R Teal, 6-5 fav); 2, Famous Dancer (A Maguire, 11-2); 3, Top Wave (M A Fitzgerald, 5-4). ALSO RAN: 12 Nova Spirit (4th). 4 ran. 4l, 1½l, 1l. P Mitchell at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50. DF: £5.50. CSF: £7.02.

Placepot: £39.90.

□ **Yesterday's meeting at Sedgefield was abandoned due to frost.**

Leicester given go-ahead

THE meeting at Leicester today was given the go-ahead following two inspections yesterday. Clerk of the course Nick Lees said: "The frost has come out of the ground and we could have raced this afternoon. Unless there is any overnight frost, which is not forecast, no further inspection is planned."

There are no problems reported at today's other three meetings. However, doubts still surround the Tote Eider Chase meeting at Newcastle on Saturday. A small amount of snow fell on the course yesterday, but officials are hopeful that it will be cleared by rain which is forecast for today.

Folkestone was able to stage the first turf racing of the week yesterday after passing a 7am inspection.

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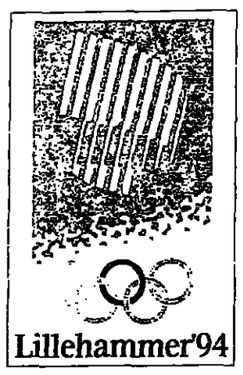
Moguls competition combines sport and entertainment

Brassard masters musical bumps

FROM DAVID MILLER IN LILLEHAMMER

THIRTEEN of the 16 finalists skied down the moguls course yesterday faster than the men's gold medal-winner, Jean-Luc Brassard, of Canada. However, he impressed the judges with a freestyle jump in which his ski heels almost touched the back of his neck.

Is this a sport or an entertainment? Each run is enlivened, if that is the word, by a pop music accompaniment. It is today's entertainment fashion, I know, and slavishly



followed on *Ski Sunday* and even football programmes by BBC Television, which seems to think viewers are insufficiently adult to watch a sequence of results or goals without, infuriatingly for some, a musical background.

Brassard's knees and skis were marvellously together and synchronised as they went up and down over the bumps almost as fast as a pneumatic drill. Heaven knows what it must do to the spinal column.

In this strangely contrived event, which is at least useful in helping to fill a programme which is too long, half the marks are for technique — "turns" — with a quarter for the jumps and only a quarter for speed. Brassard received three perfect marks for technique. "I was slower [than the others] so as to put the accent on technique," he said. He was apparently, concentrating on "knee absorption". Bully for him, but it is a bit like Linford Christie getting extra marks in the 100 metres for nice arm action.

The fact is that Olympic medals are being awarded for a so-called sport in which the measurable element of the performance not only counts for just 25 per cent of the total but can be an actual impediment.

"It is up to you [about the speed]," Liz McIntyre, the American silver medal-winner, who was sixth in 1992, said afterwards. "You have to push your own limits and take a chance on [style] mistakes."

She, as it happened, was fourth fastest in the women's final, won by Stine Lise Hattestad, of Norway. A visibly distressed Donna Weinbrecht, of America, the champion in 1992 and winner of almost every other competition she ever entered, was only seventh, which was clearly not the way she had planned it.

Sport or not, there was a huge crowd up on the ski-jumping hill above the town, including King Harald. The durability of the Norwegians is remarkable, many of them looking as fresh as cockerels at sunrise in spite of — or perhaps because of — having slept in the tents they carry in their rucksacks, never mind temperatures of minus 20°C.

Yesterday morning was gloriously sunny for the women's final, with the snow glistening like costume jewellery, but it was snowing slightly by the time the men's competition began.

The contradictory nature of the event was emphasised by the men's results. Edgar Grospiron, of France, the defending champion who was third, was the fastest of the men, compared with Sergei Shupletsov, of Russia, seventh fastest and runner-up, and Brassard, fourteenth and winner.

"What do you say to people who tell you your sport is ridiculous?," enquired *Time* magazine of Liz McIntyre.

"People don't realise we do it seriously," the silver medal-winner responded graciously. It is difficult for the spectator, however, to regard it seriously, for all the extreme skill that it takes to master the moguls.

The jumps, inserted a third and two-thirds of the way down the slope, are an absurd anachronism. They make the event look like a delayed or protracted accident and I find it incomprehensible that Brassard and Hattestad can stand side by side with Tommy Moe and Diann Roffe as "Olympic champions".

The competitors say that the judges, who have to analyse those freakish jumps for artistic merit, are reliably good. Well, maybe, but so what?

By far the nicest aspect about all those who were competing yesterday was the characteristic stressed by McIntyre. "We are not a bunch of cut-throats," she said, and when you look elsewhere in the Olympics, that certainly is a bonus.

MARK BAKER



Hattestad produces a spectacular jump on the way to the women's moguls gold medal yesterday

British pair pull out of downhill

FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN IN HAMAR

BRITAIN'S slalom specialists, Emma Carrick-Anderson and Claire de Pourtales, have withdrawn from the Olympic combined downhill event on Sunday after team chiefs decided the course was too hazardous to ski.

Following an inspection of the course, Mike Jardine, who is in charge of the the British team, said: "We decided not to risk it. It is technically a very demanding course and they have not done any downhill training. It is not worth doing it just to get competition slalom practice."

The women's downhill was, ironically, switched from its original site to the same course skied by the men at the



Cousins: ambitious

insistence of top women skiers, who protested last year that the initial choice was too easy. The British Olympic spokeswoman, Caroline Searle, insisted the decision to withdraw Carrick-Anderson and de Pourtales was not influenced by the tragic death of Austria's Ulrike Maier at Garmisch last month and that the move was motivated by usual safety considerations.

Carrick-Anderson achieved Britain's best alpine performance at the 1992 Albertville Games when she finished nineteenth in the slalom while only 16, the highest domestic placing by a British woman in a Winter Olympics since Gina Hawthorn finished fourth in the same event in Grenoble in 1968.

Nineteen sports, as well as figure skating itself, will be shown by Steven Cousins, the British champion, here today when the men open their championship with the technical programme. It is a choreographic tour de force by Cousins, which should be fully rewarded by the judges in both their technical and artistic marks.

Cousins's idea for a sports theme for his free programme at the Games, with as many sports as he could pack into the four minutes available, has been difficult to put together. At the same time, he has had to find space and concentration for the double and triple jumps, as well as other jumps in combination and spins. The whole must blend into a smooth, on-going movement, not individual items joined together staccato fashion.

Cousins, though, is confident. "I saw Kurt Browning skating to the *Casablanca* film music at Prague last year and he won the world title, so what I'm doing is no more difficult than that," he said. Nevertheless, combining 20 sports is rather more than copying Humphrey Bogart posing for over a minute and flicking a cigarette. Cousins will be busy whole time.

Clad in a black suit with the Olympic rings down one leg and the flame spreading under one arm, Cousins will set off on his double decathlon in this order: discus throw, diving, swimming, synchronised swimming, fencing, speed skating, shooting, archery, a sprint with running start and race to the finish, compulsory figures, rings and beam from gymnastics, javelin throw, hammer, rowing, Nordic skiing, slalom, karate and triple jump, the latter ending with a high triple salchow.

"I then can be seen carrying the flag and standing on the medals podium at the end," Cousins said. He is very unlikely to get near a medal on this occasion, but, as he remarked: "It is better than just skating up and down the ice rink like a penguin."

RESULTS

FIGURE SKATING

PAIRS: Final: 1, E Gordeeva and S Grinkov (Russ) 1.5pts; 2, N Mishkutsenok and A Dmitriev (Russ) 3.0; 3, I Brasseur and L Eisler (Can) 4.5, 4, E Shishkova and V Naumov (Russ) 6.0; 5, J Meno and T Sand (US) 8.0; 6, R Kovankova and R Novotny (Cz) 8.5; 7, P Schwarz and A Iuoeng (Ger) 11.5; 8, E Berezhnaia and O Shliachov (Lat) 13.5, 9, N Ina and J Dungjen (US) 14.5, 10, K L Sargeant and K Wirtz (Can) 15.5. British: 15, J Soames and J Jenkins 23.0

FREESTYLE SKIING

MOGULS: Finals: Women: 1, S L Hattestad (Nor) 26.97pts; 2, E McIntyre (US) 25.88; 3, E Kozhevnikova (Russ) 25.81, 4, R Monod (Fr) 25.17, 5, C Grig (Fr) 24.82; 6, T Mittermayer (Ger) 24.43; 7, D Weinbrecht (US) 24.36; 8, A Battelle (US) 23.71, 9, B Thomas (Can) 23.57, 10, S Marciandi (It) 23.36. Men: 1, J-L Brassard (Can) 27.24; 2, S Shuplersov (Russ) 26.90, 3, E Grospiron (Fr) 26.64; 4, O Cote (Fr) 25.79; 5, J Paesepaarn (Swe) 25.51; 6, O Allamand (Fr) 25.28, 7, J Smart (Can) 24.96; 8, T Benson (US) 24.86, 9, J Lahtela (Fin) 24.78; 10, F Thulin (Swe), 24.50

ICE HOCKEY

POOL B: Tuesday: United States 3 Slovakia 3, Canada 3 France 1
POOL A: Yesterday: Russia 9 Austria 1, Czech Republic 1 Germany 0

LUGE

WOMEN: Singles: 1, G Weissensteiner (It) 3min 15.517sec (48.740sec, 48.890, 48.950, 48.937); 2, S Erdmann (Ger) 3:16.278 (48.989, 48.893, 49.340, 49.054); 3, A Tagwerker (Austria) 3:16.652 (48.961, 49.157, 49.277, 49.257); 4, A Neuner (Austria) 3:16.901 (49.055, 49.152, 49.315, 49.379); 5, N Obkircher (It) 3:16.937 (49.046, 49.252, 49.181, 49.458); 6, G Kohlisch (Ger) 3:17.197 (48.988, 49.323, 49.301, 49.585); 7, I Gubkina (Russ) 3:17.198 (49.157, 49.231, 49.376, 49.424) 8, N Yakushenko (Ukr) 3:17.378 (49.233, 49.304, 49.413, 49.428); 9, A Ortava (Lat) 3:17.467 (49.301, 49.526, 49.297, 49.353); 10, D Neuner (Austria) 3:17.826 (49.331, 49.717, 49.319, 49.459)

SPEED SKATING

MEN'S 1,500m: 1, J Koss (Nor) 1min 51.29sec (world record), 2, R Ritsma (Holl) 1.51.99; 3, F Zandstra (Holl) 1.52.38, 4, A Sviendraal (Nor) 1.53.13; 5, A Anufriyenko (Russ) 1.53.16; 6, P Adeberg (Ger) 1.53.50; 7, N Marshall (Can) 1.53.56; 8, M Hersman (Holl) 1.53.59, 9, J Straatholl (Holl) 1.53.70, 10, Y Shulga (Ukr) 1.54.28

MEDALS TABLE

	G	S	B	T
Norway	4	3	0	7
Russia	3	5	2	10
Italy	2	1	2	5
United States	2	1	0	3
Germany	1	1	0	2
Canada	1	0	2	3
Holland	0	1	2	3
Austria	0	1	1	2
Finland	0	0	2	2
France	0	0	1	1
Japan	0	0	1	1

TODAY

All times GMT
09.30: Cross-country skiing, men's 10km classical
10.00: Skiing, men's super-giant slalom
11.30: Cross-country skiing, women's free pursuit
13.00: Speedskating, women's 3,000m.
14.00: Ice hockey, Slovakia v Italy
16.30: Ice hockey, France v Sweden.
18.00: Ice skating, men's technical programme
19.00: Ice hockey, Canada v United States.
TELEVISION: BBC2: 14.15-15.00; 16.30-17.30; 20.00-21.00; 23.15-23.55

Weissensteiner completes clean sweep of luge titles

FROM CHRIS MOORE AND MICHAEL COLEMAN

GERDA Weissensteiner duly completed her collection of leading women's luge titles with an emphatic triumph in the Olympic singles at Lillehammer yesterday. The Italian, aged 25, won the world title last year and the the European crown in Königssee.

She clocked the fastest times on all four runs down the 1,185-metre Hunderfossen track to finish 0.759sec ahead of Susi Erdmann, of Germany, the bronze medal winner at the Olympics in Albertville two years ago.

"I could not feel better about this win," the elated forest ranger said. "I didn't dare to believe in the gold medal before the final run was finished. And I never underestimated the track at any moment."

She added: "This has been my target ever since I finished fourth in Albertville."

She resumed yesterday with an overnight lead of 0.252sec, which was increased to 0.642sec after Erdmann clocked only the eleventh fastest time on the third run.

Barring disaster, that was effectively the end of the competition, with Weissensteiner also beating her rival by 0.17sec on the final run for an aggregate winning time of 3min 15.517sec.

Weissensteiner revealed she had almost come to grief on her first run the previous day when she set a new track record of 48.740sec."I had a small fault on the twelfth curve, but I made myself keep my head down," she said. "If you are scared of crashing, you will never win."

In Hamar yesterday, Johann Olav Koss, of Norway, won his second Olympic speedskating gold, again in a world record time.

The 12,000-strong crowd roared him on as he sped through the 1500m in 1min 51.29sec and erased from the books the 1:51.60 time Rintje Ritsma, of Holland, had recorded five weeks previously. Ritsma, who was third to Koss in the 5000m on Sunday, was second yesterday, his time of 1:51.99 being the third fastest ever. He edged out Falko Zandstra, his Dutch rival, whose 1:52.38 earned him the bronze medal.

Koss, also favourite to win the 10,000m this Sunday, dedicated his win to Sarajevo. "I'd like to invite all Norwegians to give ten kroner to Olympics Aid for every gold medal our country wins," he said.

Tamara Moskvina, coach of the defeated ice skating pairs champions, Natalya Mishkutyonok and Artur Dmitryev, had to be diplomatic when questioned about the 8-1 verdict by the judges that handed the Olympic gold medal to their rivals, Yekaterina Gordeyeva and Sergei Grinkov, on Tuesday.

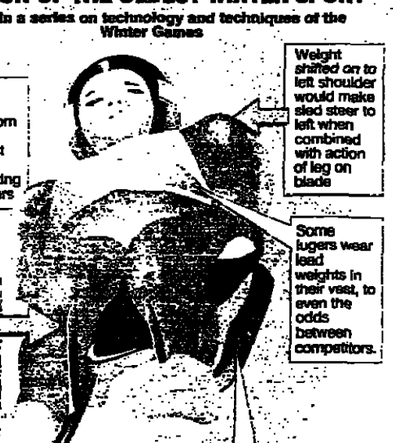
"We have a saying in Russia: Some like the priest, some the priest's wife, others the priest's daughter." Moskvina's humour in defeat did not disguise the depression felt.

Despite visible errors by Grinkov, six judges awarded them technical marks of 5.9 while on the second line of marks for artistic impression, all gave 5.9 except Marina Sanaya, the Russian judge, who gave a perfect 6.0.

It beggared belief to find six judges preferring the cold offering of Gordeyeva and Grinkov to their rivals' richly-embroidered skating to the music of Rachmaninov.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Moorcroft to lead anniversary field

THE British Athletic Federation yesterday announced it is to stage a special veterans' mile race on May 7 at Oxford University's Iffley Road track, where, 40 years and one day earlier, Sir Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile barrier for the first time.

A number of leading "forty-something" athletes are being lined up for the event, including David Moorcroft, of Britain, and Eamonn Coghlan, of Ireland. Moorcroft, from Coventry, set a world outdoor best for the age group of 4min 2.53sec in Belfast last June, while Coghlan, who is based in the United States holds the fastest over-40s time — 4min 1.39sec — set indoors last year. Wilson Waigwa, the fast-finishing Kenyan athlete, is also being invited to race.

The veterans' race will come the day after a special gala evening at London's Grosvenor House Hotel to mark Bannister's achievement. Bannister and 14 of the other 15 living world mile record-holders will attend.

Former captain returns

RUGBY UNION: Mike Hamlin, the former Gloucester captain and stand-off half, is rejoining his old club two years after quitting Kingsholm to join London Welsh. Hamlin is at present with Moseley, but has abruptly severed all links with the Birmingham club and will be back in action for Gloucester again this weekend. He has been selected to play for Gloucester United against Nottingham Corsairs on Saturday. "I don't think things have worked out for him at Moseley and he has told me he is happy to play for Gloucester again for the rest of this season," Barrie Corless, the Gloucester director of rugby, said. Hamlin will also be helping to coach at Gloucester.

Hopes rest with Lomas

TABLE TENNIS: Lisa Lomas, the European silver medal-winner, will lead her country into the most important home international match since 1981 when England's women play their first European League final at Crewe tonight. The opponents, Germany, are formidable and if England come away from the first leg without a deficit, it will be an outstanding achievement. Lomas, however, has had fitness problems since the Commonwealth championships three weeks ago and England's hopes depend greatly upon her full fitness.

Bush faces discipline

BADMINTON: The Badminton Association of England (BAE) will take disciplinary action against Peter Bush, who was scheduled to play in the semi-finals of the national championships in Norwich on Sunday but played in Copenhagen the same day. Bush, the fourth seed, claimed he withdrew with an ankle injury and also retired injured during a Danish league match. "He did play in Denmark on that day, so we will be hearing what he has to say and then dealing with the matter," Tom Marrs, a BAE official, said. "I am anxious that this happens quickly."

Sampras slips up

TENNIS: Jacco Eltingh, of Holland, beat Pete Sampras, the world No 1 from the United States, 7-6, 6-4 at the US Indoor men's tournament in Philadelphia on Tuesday. It was the second time Eltingh, who is ranked No 89 in the world, had beaten the American within the last 12 months and was the reward for a brave display of attacking tennis that unsettled Sampras, who could not come to terms with the Dutchman's fierce serve and constant chip-and-charge tactics. Jim Courier, the second seed, beat David Dilucia, of the United States, 6-3, 6-0.

Gardner's wheel change

MOTOR SPORT: Wayne Gardner, the former world 500cc motorcycling champion, yesterday launched his own touring car team to further his switch from two to four-wheel racing. Gardner's team, sponsored by Coca-Cola, will race two Holden Commodores in the Australian touring car championship. "I want to build up an organisation that not only races in Australia, but can take advantage of the plans for an expansion into the Asia-Pacific region," he said. Gardner, aged 34, won 18 grands prix, culminating in the 500cc world title in 1987.

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10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9507456) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3060291)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick (s) (38763659)
12.15 Pebble Mill (s) (7813348)
12.55 Regional news and weather (55851456)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (25098)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (49846104)
1.50 The Great British Quiz (s) (49840920)
2.15 FILM: April in Paris (1952) starring Doris Day in a disappointing romantic musical comedy notable for the classic title song. A diplomat mistakenly sends an invitation to a chorus girl and ends up falling in love with her. Directed by David Butler (279663)
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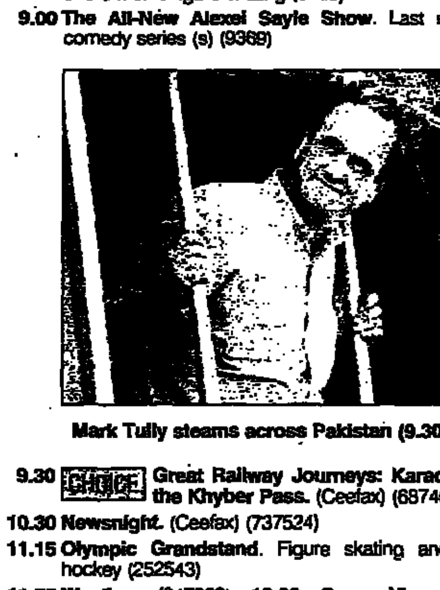


Victoria Weeks, back, in muddy water (4.30pm)

4.30 NEW **Mud**. A new seven-part comedy drama *in which three children from a council* estate are sent on a trip to an outdoor activity centre and clash with Miss Palmer (Victoria Weeks), the warden (Ceefax) (s) (6744901)
4.55 Newsround (7270949) **5.05 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (5332098)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (878765)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Moira Stuart (Ceefax) Weather (494)
6.30 Regional news magazines (Ceefax) (746)
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (3104)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (630)
8.00 CHOICE **Nelson's Column**. (Ceefax) (s) (9524)
8.30 Wildlife on One: White Birds of Winter. Enchanting film about the migration of the American snow goose as it flies 3,000 miles from the southern states to its breeding ground in the Arctic. The bird, despised as a pest by farmers, has an important part in the culture of the North American Indians and Eskimos. (Ceefax) (s) (8659)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (1727)
9.30 Crimewatch UK. The programme highlights the *hunt to find armed robbers who held up a Post* Office van in Burnley and then shot a policeman in the leg. (Ceefax) (299494)
10.15 Question Time. Among tonight's guests are John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, Mo Mowlam, the Labour Heritage spokeswoman, and Max Hastings, editor of *The Daily Telegraph* (808475)
11.15 Crimewatch UK Update (579272)
11.25 Jonathan Ross Presents Tom Jones (s) (697017)
11.55 A Way of Life. (446630)
12.15 Weather (4236876) Ends at **2.20**
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (64128) **5.40 A Way of Life** (r) (8923906) Ends at **6.00**

BBC2

6.20 Open University (87424920)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (2198185)
8.15 Westminster Daily (4049098)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes Plus. **12.50 Advice Shop.** Includes a report on the controversy surrounding Belfast's Brook Advisory Centre. Presented by Helen Madden and Andrew Miller (3756630), and, for children, **1.20** Fiddley Foodle Bird (25217949) **1.30-1.40** Johnson and Friends (60738611)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Numbertime** (r) (11205562)
2.20 Olympic Grandstand including the men's super-giant slalom, the second leg of the women's combined cross-country and the first part of the men's equivalent (1975104)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live** (5833388) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), and weather (7523524)
4.00 Today's the Day. Daily quiz (s) (659)
4.30 Olympic Grandstand. Ice hockey and speedskating action (36494)
5.30 From the Edge. Current affairs series from a disabled perspective. (Ceefax) (123)
6.00 Leakey's Wildlife. An updated repeat of the 1991 *Antenna* profile of Richard Leakey, the controversial former director of Kenya's wildlife service (956)
6.30 Africawatch – A Day in the Masai Mara. The mass migration of wildebeest, zebra and gazelles across Kenya's Masai Mara to Tanzania (368)
7.00 Big Science. The last in the series looks at desire and sexual attraction (1746)
7.30 First Sight. *The crisis in mental health care in* London and the South East (272). **Wales:** Week In Week Out; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **North, North-east, North-west:** Close Up North; **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west:** Close Up; **West:** Close Up West
8.00 Olympic Grandstand. The technical programme of the men's figure skating (6388)
9.00 The All-New Alexei Sayle Show. Last in the comedy series (s) (9369)



Mark Tully steams across Pakistan (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **Great Railway Journeys: Karachi to the Khyber Pass.** (Ceefax) (68746)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (737524)
11.15 Olympic Grandstand. Figure skating and ice hockey (252543)
11.55 Weather (347963) **12.00 Open View**. The weekend's Open University programmes (7466055)
12.05am-1.05 In Search of Knowledge. The changing *role of middle management* (5120780)

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CHOICE



Asylum inmates underwent sterilisation (C4, 9.00pm)

Secret History: the Lynchburg Story
Channel 4, 9.00pm

There are not many areas in which the United States bears unfavourable comparison with Nazi Germany but this shocking film reveals one of them. The Americans were not alone in embracing the squalid science of eugenics. H.G. Wells, George Bernard Shaw and even *Winston Churchill* favoured sterilisation of the so-called feeble-minded as a way of preventing racial degeneration. But while Britons talked about the idea, the Americans acted on it. The film focuses on an asylum in Virginia and hears the distressing stories of some of the victims. The practice was given legal sanction by the Supreme Court and *was well established long before Hitler came to power.* It was not finally stopped until the 1970s.

Nelson's Column
BBC1, 8.00pm (Scotland: February 21, 8.30pm)

Paul Mayhew-Archer's comedy features John Gordon Sinclair as a reporter on a local newspaper. He is *called Gavin Nelson, hence the title (get it?). The show* has two basic jokes. One is Gavin's habit of bungling his stories and getting himself into embarrassments such as having a telephone glued to his face. The other concerns Gavin's gauche and abortive attempts to seduce his attractive young colleague (Sophie Thompson). From which you will deduce that as sitcoms go. *Nelson's Column* is benign, harmless and unchallenging. Much will depend on Sinclair's ability to sustain the role of amiable twit. He is an engaging actor, with a good sense of timing, but unless he gets *stronger scripts the challenge could prove too great.*

Great Railway Journeys
BBC2, 9.30pm

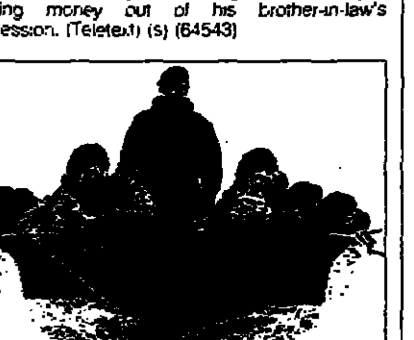
Mark Tully rounds off a quality series by travelling across Pakistan from Karachi to the Khyber Pass. He starts at the Indian Ocean and finishes near the Afghan border. He has two excellent qualifications. The first is his long experience of the area as an Asian-based foreign correspondent. The second is a love for trains. His knowledge, sympathy and journalistic acumen inform every stage of the journey and, as throughout the series, the photography is superb. Pakistan's railways were built by the British so that *troops could be moved quickly against a possible* invasion from Russia. Now they are being run down as investment is switched to the roads. Tully's film is an affectionate epitaph to a vanishing age.

Commando
ITV, 9.30pm

The macho men are out on Dartmoor, climbing ropes, sloshing around in water and shinning down a rock face in what is popularly known as the death dive. *There is much talk of "bottle" and of being able to hack* it. This is no place for wimps. The commandos, who combine the fighting skills of the army and the marines, were created by Winston Churchill during the Second World War. They have been in action ever since and spearheaded the retaking of the Falklands. This seven-part series follows two troops of hopefuls as *they start their final month of training.* The programmes have a double appeal. One is watching other people being put through it. The other is betting on who will survive and who will not. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (43333271)
8.35 Parkin's in . . . Cartoons (7291833)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (8231388)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (3046611)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Topical studio discussion (s) (2380611)
10.35 This Morning (38757098) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8630611)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3774036)
12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (3759727) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (97455456)
1.55 Gardener's Diary John Ravenscroft with seasonal advice (97047758) **2.25 A Country Practice**. Australian medical drama serial (43583253)
2.50 TV Weekly. Eamonn Holmes presents news and *views from the world of television (s) (3073388)*
3.20 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (8838291) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8837562)
3.30 Allsorts (s) (9018562) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (7554494) **3.50 Garfield and Friends** (4658833) **4.10 Wolf It** (Teletext) (s) (2043456) **4.40 Fun House** (2870104)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (5359765)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (126949)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (21007)
7.00 Emmerdale *(Teletext) (8272)*
7.30 NEW **The Big Race** Nicky Campbell presents the first of seven programmes telling of the challenges facing an international team driving 15,000 miles from London to New York. (Teletext) (758)
8.00 The Bill A disillusioned PC Stamp feels the police are like dustbin men, "working anti-social hours and sorting out the rubbish" (Teletext) (7920)
8.30 Minder Arthur Daley even manages to find a way of *making money out of his brother-in-law's* depression. (Teletext) (s) (64543)



The Royal Marines train for action (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **Commando** (Teletext) (s) (51712)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald (Teletext) and *weather (71630)*
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (232104)
10.40 Just a Minute. Nicholas Parsons presents a *televised version of the popular BBC radio* programme (590524)
11.10 Big City. A regional entertainment guide (s) (691833)
11.40 Carlton Sport. Del Bryan, the British welterweight champion from Nottingham, defends his title against Derek Grainger of London (367949)
12.40 The Equalizer starring Edward Woodward (6588073)
1.30 Donahue. The guests are couples who have been engaged for a long time (63895)
2.30 The Beat (r) (s) (42876)
3.30 Quiz Night. General knowledge pub quiz (24147)
4.00 The Album Show (r) (s) (63383)
5.00 Videofashion (r) (40050)
5.30 ITN Morning News (12128)

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Animated adventures (r) (6020524)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (48949)
9.00 Sabotage All-female quiz game show, presented by Maria McErlane (s) (98307)
9.30 Schools. Middle English (2112253) **9.46** Mathematical Eye (3452942) **10.07** Scientific Eye (3053901) **10.28** Geographical Eye (4441340) **10.52** Schools at Work (5141340) **11.00** History in Action (2033889) **11.22** The Microclass (7498272) **11.40** The French Programme (3558982)
12.00 House to House Maya Even reports on business from both Houses of Parliament (78543)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series for the under-fives. Today's guests are Mel Gibson and Danny Glover (41104) **1.30 Alfred J Kwak**. Animated *adventures of a musical duck (r) (25949)*
2.00 FILM: Fiddlers Three (1944, b/w) Comedy starring Tommy Trinder as one of three sailors who are magically transported back to ancient Rome. Directed by Harry Watt (28369)
3.30 Musical Comedy Greats: Ups and Downs (b/w) Musical from Thirties Hollywood about an elevator boy who becomes vice president of a brokerage firm (1193494)
3.55 A Taste of Africa. A gastronomic tour of Africa (r) (s) (6504388)
4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (611)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show Oprah highlights the *battle for an adopted three-year-old boy whose* biological drug addict father wants him back. (Teletext) (s) (8207017)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Animated adventures of the disastrous duo (836920)
6.00 The Crystal Maze Richard O'Brien leads another group of intrepid contestants through the four *fantasy zones (r) (43229)*
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (389388) **7.50 Comment** (Teletext) (545746)
8.00 Eat Your Greens Sophie Grigson is shown the versatility of salad leaves and chicory (r). (Teletext) (5562)
8.30 The Pulse Shahnaz Pakravan asks whether "talking therapies" are a better treatment for depression than the widely prescribed anti-depressant drugs. Though drugs can be faster, the far-reaching effect of talking may prove more successful in time. (Teletext) (1369)
9.00 CHOICE **Secret History: The Lynchburg Story** (Teletext) (s) (4920)



Ione Skye and Dexter Fletcher (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: The Rachel Papers (1989) Romantic comedy based on Martin Amis's novel. When a computer expert meets the girl of his dreams, he plans a strategy to win her affection. Directed by Damian Harris. (Teletext) (s) (499543)
11.45 Sex Talk presented by Mark Chase. The importance of an active sex life (r) (974388)
12.35am Dispatches (r). (Teletext) (7532654)
1.35 The Manor of Ulloa. Spanish drama set in Galicia during the 1880s. In Spanish with English subtitles (r) (7419499). Ends at **2.30**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Kevin Greening (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright in the Morning **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier in the Afternoon **4.00** Nicky Campbell, *including at* **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **8.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Reluctant Jester: Michael Bentine (r) **7.30** Wally Whyton with country music **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Reading Music **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** The Jungle Book (4/5) **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** Sporting Albums **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** The Power: Trevor Rhone's play was commissioned to celebrate 30 years of Jamaican independence **7.15** Benjamin Black **7.30** Formula Five: See Choice **8.00** Vibe! **9.00** Can't Pay? Won't Pay! A comedy by Dario Fo **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** World News **6.10** *British News* **6.15** *The World Today* **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** *John Peel* **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** The Farming World **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Laughing Aloud **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *To the Lighthouse* **2.45** The Learning World **3.00** World News **3.15** Ray on Record **4.00** World News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell. News in German **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell: News in German **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Music Review **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** No Money, No Music **1.00** World News **1.05** *Outlook* **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** The False Inspector Drew **3.00** News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** News **4.15** Sharp Talents

CLASSIC FM

6.00am *Richard* Astbury **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret *Howard* **7.00** The Travel Guide: California **8.00** Evening Concert: Mozart (Overture, The Marriage of Figaro); Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune); Respighi (Poema autunnale), Stravinsky (The Rite of Spring) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N J Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49841659) **2.20** TV Weekly (43508562) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (3073388) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8837562) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (5359765) **6.00** Home and Away (116678) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (513098) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (232104) **10.40** Anglia Tonight (590524) **11.10** Phoenix (391494) **12.10am** The Powers That Be (1109780) **12.35** Bodies of Evidence (7553147) **1.30** Superstars of *Wrestling (5774483)* **2.15** *America's Top Ten* (63418) **2.45** The Bay of St Michel (1626505) **4.00** Jobfinder (12692876) **4.25** Night Shift (75996875) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (91166)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 Shortland Street (49841659) **2.20** TV Weekly (43508562) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3073388) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (5359765) **6.00** Home and Away (116678) **6.25** Central News and Weather (191369) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (313914) **10.30** Central News and Weather (232104) **10.40** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (137475) **11.35** Hell Night (366036) **1.35am** The Little Picture Show (2250483) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (9403789) **3.30** The Twilight Zone (75571437) **3.55-4.50** Jobfinder (1934147) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3734128)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49841659) **2.20** TV Weekly (43508562) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (3073388) **3.25-3.30** HTV West News (8837562) **6.00** HTV News (562) **6.30-7.00** Disaster Chronicles (814) **10.30** HTV West News and Weather (232104) **10.40** The West This Week (753562) **11.25** Rock Sport (293340) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (628562) **12.35am** Bodies of Evidence (7553147) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (5774483) **2.15** America's Top Ten (63418) **2.45** The Bay of St Michel (1626505) **4.00** Jobfinder (12692876) **4.25** Night Shift (75996875) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (91166)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00-6.30 Wales at Six (562) **7.30-8.00** *Wales This Week* (758) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (232104) **10.40** Face Value (590524) **11.10-11.40** Wales and Westminster (691833)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (3046611) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (8630611) **1.55** A Country Practice (49841659) **2.20** TV Weekly (43508562) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3073388) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (562) **6.30-7.00** Getaways (814) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (232104) **10.40** Bodies of Evidence (127098) **11.40** Love and War (842765) **12.10am** Coach (6325012) **12.40-1.30** Street Legal (6588073) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (40050)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49841659) **2.20** TV Weekly (43508562) **2.50-3.15** The Young Doctors (2531765) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (539901) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (814) **10.40** Northern Eye (753562) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (658678) **12.20am** Strange Voices (702079) **2.05** America's Top Ten (3339234) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7682302) **3.05** The Earl of Chicago (758505) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (1653708)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry Latest (3046611) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry Latest (8630611) **1.55** The Sullivans (97047758) **2.25-2.55** TV Weekly (43507833) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (21007) **10.40** Westcountry Focus: The West at Work (590524) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (653123) **12.05am** Coach (6345876) **12.30** My Story (5073760) **12.35** Bodies of Evidence (7553147) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (5774483) **2.15** America's Top Ten (63418) **2.45** The Bay of St Michel (1626505) **4.00** *Jobfinder (12692876)* **4.25** Night Shift (75996875) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (91166)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49841659) **2.20** TV Weekly (43508562) **2.50-3.15** The Young Doctors (2531765) **5.55** Calendar (539901) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits *(814)* **10.40** *Edit V (753562)* **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (658678) **12.20am** Strange Voices (702079) **2.05** America's Top Ten (3339234) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7682302) **3.05** The Earl of Chicago (758505) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (1653708)

S4C

Starts: 9.00 Sabotage (98307) **9.30** Ysgolion (542630) **12.00pm** House To House (78543) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (25678) **1.00** A Taste Of Africa Zimbabwe (41036) **1.30** The Great Commanders: Julius Caesar *And The Battle Of Alesia (7308920)* **2.15** Film Benjo On My Knee (720388) **4.00** Slot 23 (727) **4.00** Tomos Y Tanc (7126036) **4.15** Uned 5 (4490678) **5.00** The Cosby Show (6678) **5.30** Countdown (291) **6.00** Newyddion (270340) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (189659) **6.25** Heno (504340) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6814) **7.30** Cnapan 93 (99765) **8.30** Newyddion (1369) **9.00** Taro Naw (7765) **9.30** *The Pulse (51794)* **10.00** *Film: Driving Miss Daisy* (413123) **11.50** Nurses (830920) **12.20am** Bill Hicks (5111012)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Women's Studies — Public Voices **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Grieg (Holberg Suite); Mendelssohn (Song without Words, Book 7 No 41); Buxtehude (Trio Sonata in B flat, Op 1 No 4); Beethoven (Overture, Fidelio); Puccini (E lucevan le stelle, Tosca); Couperin (Concert Royale No 2)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Rawsthorne and Ireland. Ireland (Ballade of London Nights); Rawsthorne (Ballet Suite, Madame Chrysanthème; Symphony No 2, Pastoral); Ireland (Symphonic Rhapsody)
10.00 Musical Encounters: John Foulds (April — England, Op 48 No 1); Mahler (Lieder eines Fahrenden Gesellen); Britten (Hymn to St Cecilia); *Rawsthorne (Four Bagatelles)*; Ogdon (Piano Sonata No 8, after Boris); John McCabe (Three Impromptus); John Casken (Clarion Sea); Greg (Symphony in C minor)
12.00 Ensemble: The second of two programmes featuring the *string quartets of Smetana (r)*
1.00pm News 1.05 Opera Matinée: Flanders Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Imre Pallo perform *Samson et Dalila*, a three-act opera by Saint-Saëns. Sung in French. With Vladimir Popov and Florence Quivar
3.25 Hebrides Ensemble: Mahler, arr Schnittke (Piano Quartet in A minor); Hallgrimsson (Intarsia); *Elliott Carter* (Eight Etudes and a Fantasy); Johann Strauss, son, arr Schoenberg (Emperor Waltz)
5.00 The Music Machine: Byte the Music. Mike Edwards looks at the dying art of creating synthesised sounds and investigates the limits of the latest technology
5.15 In Tune: David Owen Norris *interviews the composer* — Trevor Hold. Martinů (Cello Sonata No 1); Gershwin, arr Bennett (Porgy and Bess — a symphonic picture); Haydn (Piano Sonata in A, H XVI 26)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra: Live from the Festival Hall, London. Andrew Davis conducts the first of two concerts of British music. Mark Anthony Turnage (Momentum); Tippett (Piano Concerto: Peter Donohoe). **8.20 Big Brother and the Whirlpool**: See Choice **8.40** *Walton (Belshazzar's Feast:* Willard White; BBC Symphony Chorus and Wooburn Singers)
9.25 One Man's Meat . . . The *baritone David Wilson-Johnson* reveals his least-favourite musical work
9.40 Nikolai Demidenko, piano, *plays Gubaidulina (Chiaccona)* and Scriabin (Piano Sonata No 3 in F sharp minor)
10.15 A Different Rhythm (r)
10.45 Night Waves reviews *Schindler's List* and Brecht's *Life of Galileo*
11.30 Voices: Iain Burnside considers pianists who have played with the most famous singers of their time
12.30-12.35am News

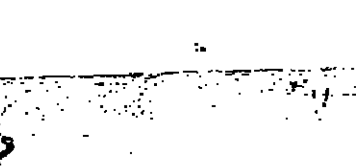
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, *with John Waite (r)*
9.30 On the Ropes John Humphrys talks to Michael Mates, the former Northern *Ireland Security Minister*
10.00-10.30 Oliver Twist (FM only) (3/6)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): John (9/10) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Lady Antonia Fraser reappraises the life of Mary Queen of Scots
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past: The MP Paul Boateng discusses the lighter side of history with guests Sir Roy Strong, Gillian Reynolds, Trevor Philips and Michael Wood **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Amber: Oona Beeson stars in a love story by Catherine Czerkawska
3.00-4.00 Soapbox (FM only): David Mellor presents the last programme in the series
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News; Kaleidoscope previews a production of Benjamin Britten's opera, *The Turn of the Screw*, at the Tramway Theatre in Glasgow
4.45 Short Story: Shooting Pigs, by Ivy Bannister. Read by Noelle Brown
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Harpoon: The magazine returns with a wartime edition
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack: The photographer Tom Stoddart returns to the front line in Angola, ten months after being critically wounded in Bosnia
8.00 Analysis. Counting Our Chickens? Despite the end of the Cold War, Stuart Simon asks whether old regional tensions and easier access to nuclear weapons mean that the dangers of proliferation are now greater than ever
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? With Ted Harrison
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Oscar and Lucinda, by Peter Carey Read by John Turnbull (6/12)
11.00 Stanza: Andrew McAllister *discusses subjectivity in poetry* with Glyn Maxwell and Jo Shapcott
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Big Brother and the Whirlpool. *Radio 3, 8.20pm.*
Peter Hill has re-discovered a nail-biting footnote to Orwell's *1984*. The novel might never have been completed had it not been for Orwell's nephew, Henry, and his cool resourcefulness. Henry, his sister Lucy and Orwell and his little son Ricky, were in a wave-tossed 12ft boat that lost its outboard engine near a notorious whirlpool off *the Hebridean island of Jura. Henry not only steered the boat away* from the vortex but, when it capsized, hauled the family up a cliff. Nightmare rescue over, Orwell resumed work on the first draft of his nightmare novel.

Formula Five. *Radio 5, 7.30pm.*
Not content with just eating his salmon hors-d'oeuvre, one of the scientists dining at a Bristol restaurant mimics the sound the fish makes en route to the small intestine. Diplomatically, he does not pursue its journey any further than that. Presenter Jez Nelson also learns from the gorging boffins *that we can swallow even when* standing on our head and that, in our lifetime, we put away the equivalent of 750 supermarket trolleys. **Peter Davalle**



LUNCHTIME CONCERTO 2PM.
Rachmaninov — Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor
CLASSIC FM 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (73897746) **8.40** Lamb Chops (5902611) **9.10** Cartoons (4333833) **9.30** Card Sharks (7655497) **9.55** Concentration (6005758) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6838272) **10.30** Love at First Sight (29663) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (74388) **12.00** Urban Peasant (27833) **12.30pm** E Street (44098) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (32253) **2.00** Gone to Texas (35901) **3.00** Another World (9174007) **3.45** DJ Kat (9948291) **5.00** *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (3123) **6.00** Games World (3098) **6.30** E Street (7678) **7.00** M*A*S*H (1524) **7.30** Full House (6562) **8.00** Rescue (15938) **9.00** LA Law (80814) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (83901) **11.00** The Untouchables (55253) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (68234) **1.00am** Night Court (77789) **1.30-2.00** In Living Color (60741)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (74949) **9.30** ABC Nightline (62272) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (38727) **11.30** Japan Business Today (25825) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (32543) **1.30** CBS News (33272) **2.30** Parliament Live (97123) **4.30** News and Business Report (3475) **5.00** Live at Five (725901) **7.30** The Reporters (4104) **9.30** Talkback (55104) **11.30** CBS News (28901) **12.30am** ABC *News (39505)* **1.30** *The Reporters (78741)* **2.30** Beyond 2000 (31857) **3.30** Talkback (36302) **4.30** The Reporters (17352) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (78708)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (8305678)
10.00 Murder on the Orient Express (1974): Albert Finney as Agatha Christie's Belgian sleuth, Hercule Poirot (26689272)
12.10pm Red Line 7000 (1965): Romantic comedy with James Caan (763833)
2.05 Ghost Chase (1988) Jason Lively teams up with a ghostly butler (906746)
4.00 Namu, the Killer Whale (1966) Environmental drama (65271272)
5.50 Murder on the Orient Express (as 10am) (17492479)
8.00 The Power of One (1992): A champion South African boxer uses the ring to fight racism. With Stephen Dorff (51539340)
10.10 Mystery Date (1991) Shy Ethan Hawke is chased through the city by gangsters on his first date (380456)
11.50 House Party 2 (1991) Raucous sequel with rappers Kid 'N Play (126098)
1.25am Body of Influence (1992) A vulnerable woman seeks help from psychiatrist Nick Cassavetes (542050)
3.15 The Five Heartbeats (1991). A tribute to 1960s rhythm and blues bands (275532) Ends at 6.20

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm I Was a Male War Bride (1949, b/w): *Soldier Cary Grant joins a convoy of* war brides leaving for America (89123)
8.00 Raggedy Man (1981) A sailor disrupts the life of divorcee Sissy Spacek (51340)
10.00 The Border (1982) Patrol guard Jack Nicholson becomes involved with a young Mexican mother (43833). Ends at **11.35**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Little Marines (1990): Three teenagers camp in the wilderness (3136682)
7.25 Frank Einstein Animated comedy horror tale for children (6621494)
8.25 Walk the Proud Land (1956) Audie Murphy sides with the Indians (31430104)
10.00 Fort Dobbs (1958, b/w): A cowboy (Clint Walker) attempts to rescue a widow from the Comanches (46456)
12.00 Another Time, Another Place (1958, b/w) An American journalist falls in love with a British war correspondent (47746)
2.00pm The Purple People Eater (1988): Neil Patrick Harris plays a youngster who meets a music-loving purple alien (618104)
3.35 Frank Einstein (as 7.25am) (5535185)
4.30 The Treasure *(1990) Two boys race* villains to a hoard of buried treasure (40982)
6.00 Not Without My Daughter (1990): Real-life drama about an American mother *forced to escape from her husband's Iranian* homeland. With Sally Field (92659)
8.00 The Tower (1992) The computer controlling a futuristic skyscraper imprisons new employee Paul Reiser (97104)
9.30 The Making of Alien 3 (40272)
10.00 The People Under the Stairs (1991). Slum landlords imprison a group of teenagers in their basement (315479)

11.45 Girlfriend from Hell (1990). Dana Ashbrook chases the devil (881920)
1.25am Chrome Soldiers (1992) Vietnam veterans hunt a friend's murderer (437789)
3.00 Blood Ties (1991) A teenager comes to terms with his vampire heritage (11895)
4.30-6.00 Fort Dobbs (as 10am) (32437)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (98271) **7.30** Soccer (9552746) **7.45** WWF Wrestling (9695833) **8.30** *Sportsworld (25562)* **9.00** *Prime Bodies* (16814) **9.30** Soccer (59017) **10.00** Snooker (7478307) **5.00pm** Boots and All (8765) **6.00** Soccer (916765) **6.15** WWF Wrestling (688901) **7.00** Snooker (981765) **10.00** Soccer (400920) **10.15** Boot Room (242920) **11.15** German Football (822340) **12.45-1.45am** Boots and All (285470)

EUROSPORT

6.00am Olympic News (32475) **6.30** Olympic Morning (87388) **7.00** Freestyle Skiing (41272) **8.00** Ice Hockey (35727) **9.30** Cross Country Skiing (51833) **11.30** Alpine Skiing (32369) **12.30pm** Cross Country Skiing (48901) **1.00** Speedskating (43456) **2.00** Ice Hockey (658765) **4.30** Olympic News *(84340)* **6.00** *Figure Skating* (8651746) **9.30** Tennis (48185) **11.30** Olympic News (67524) **12.00** News (91673) **12.30am** Ice Hockey (23031) **2.30** Olympic News (60050) **3.00** News (19789) **3.30-5.00** Ice Hockey (54234)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (4376123) **7.30** Neighbours (4355630) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4752017) **8.30** EastEnders (4751388) **9.00** The Bill (4735340) **9.30** The Onedin Line (4383543) **10.30** Bergerac (1163475) **11.30** The Sullivans (4987659) **12.00** Sons *and Daughters (4755104)* **12.30pm** Neighbours (1975388) **1.00** EastEnders (4375494) **1.30** The Bill (1974659) **2.00** Robin's Nest (2862475) **2.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (5217253) **3.00** Dallas (4981475) **4.00** The Colbys (8365949) **4.55** Blankety Blank (11857765) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (95536272) **5.55** Sykes (4388494) **6.30** EastEnders (5232562) **7.00** Survivors (2282901) **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo (2842611) **8.30** *Robin's Nest* (2861746) **9.00** Bergerac (2288185) **10.00** The Bill (4756833) **10.30** The Innes Book of Records (4732253) **11.00** Top of the Pops (5429388) **11.45** Dr Who (7142123) **12.15am** FILM The Undead (1957) Horror yarn (52891789) **1.30** Video Bites (3772031) **2.00-7.00** Shopping (4220678)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Droibee Time (43017) **7.00** RatKan II (4040291) **7.45** Pugwall (228479) **8.15** Head to Head (9695949) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin *(41524)* **9.00** *Zazou U (65104)* **9.30** Around the World (9311681) **10.10** Wildabout (7807479) **10.30** Swamp Thing (61388) **11.00** Saved by the Bell (45291) **11.30** Beakman's World (46920) **12.00** Smoggies (45340) **12.30pm** You Can't Do That on Television (95833) **1.00** Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (96611) **1.30** Flash Gordon (94104) **2.00** Madeline (9104) **2.30** New *Shoe People (5149814)* **2.45** *Babar (863104)* **3.15** RatKan II (3572611) **3.20** Nitwits (2974543) **3.40** Spirit and Hercules (6250017) **3.55** Head to Head (5449017) **4.00** White *Fang (2307)* **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (1291)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Killer Tomatoes (58678) **8.30** *Denver, the Last Dinosaur* (857369) **11.30** Clarissa Explains It All (38494) **1.00pm** Pete and Pete (22098) **2.30** Saber Rider (93098) **4.00** Rugrats (96185) **5.30-7.00** Rocko's Modern Life (90920)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (5239475) **4.30** Durrell in Russia (5235659) **5.00** World of Volcanoes (2851369) **5.30** Living with Violent Earth (4367901) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4129814) **7.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient, Malaysia (2864833) **7.30** Big City Metro (5236388) **8.00** Terra X (2840253) **8.30** Pirates (2869388) **9.00** Elite Fighting Forces (2286727) **10.00** Wildside (2289814) **11.00-12.00** The Black Museum (4350185)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM Anchors Aweigh (1943). Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra play sailors on leave in this popular musical (97514949) **2.45pm** FILM: To Have and to Hold (1963, b/w) A police officer investigates death threats made to a young widow. With Ray Barrett (98186524) **4.00** The Flying Nun (5226901) **4.30** My Three Sons (5222185) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (2871123) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5246765) **6.00** Saber of London (5243678) **6.30** The Man from Interpol (5227630) **7.00** Yancy Derringer (2868659) **7.30** Duffy's Tavern (5223814) **8.00** The Avengers (2293017) **9.00** FILM *The Day the* World Ended (1956, b/w): Mutants attack survivors of a nuclear holocaust (4985291) **10.30** Donny and Marie (4767949) **11.00** Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (4996307) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (3971369)

UK LIVING

7.00am Living (1058140) **8.00** Family Affairs (1886494) **8.30** Bon Voyage (1885765) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (6039388) **10.00** Dr Ruth (4926494) **10.30** Young and the Restless (9524758) **11.30** Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery (3154920) **12.00** Stars and Signs (77895833) **12.15pm** Practical Living (58714104) **12.30** Housecalls (9835814) **1.00** Bazaar (5369833) **1.30** Bon Voyage *(9834185)* **2.00** *Agony Hour* (4929123) **3.00** Living (7002562) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (69608098) **4.00** Definition (1643611) **4.30** Infatuation (1672123) **5.00** Musiquest (9537119) **5.30** Fame, Fortune and Romance (5304746) **5.45** Kilroy (1327730) **6.30** Delia Smith (1644340) **7.00** Material World (1515443) **7.30** That's Amore (1640524) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2180543) **9.00** *FILM: Women of Valour (1986).* American nurses fight to survive in a Japanese prison camp (69256758) **10.40** Fame, Fortune and Romance (4220307) **11.00** That's Amore (3145272) **11.30** Infatuation (4924678) **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (1953596)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Big Brother Jake (7776) **5.30** Black Stallion (2543) **6.00** The Wonder Years (9456) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (3036) **7.00** All Clued Up (3920) **7.30** The Pyramid Game (2920) **8.00** *Cats Eyes (60098)* **9.00** Lou Grant (73562) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (58369) **10.30** Evening Shade starring Burt Reynolds (62017) **11.00** Remington Steele (13388) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (62234)

MTV

5.00am Wild Side (952383) **8.00** VJ Ingo (401104) **11.00** Soul (94253) **12.00** Greatest Hits (83098) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (270901) **3.30** The Report (6256291) **3.45** At the Movies (6251746) **4.00** News (6677949) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6650272) **4.30** Dial MTV (6479) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (68291) **7.00** Greatest Hits (86036) **8.00** Most Wanted (62456) **9.00** The Pulse (34185) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (84727) **10.00** The Report (219765) **10.15** At the Movies (207920) **10.30** News (800942) **10.45** 3 from 1 (800997) **11.00** Party Zone (14746) **1.00am** VJ Marine (55654) **2.00** Videos (3558079)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (30543) **7.00** Regional News (34494) **7.30** Asian Morning (85271) **8.00** Hindi News (79307) **8.30** Urdu News (6824843) **8.45** English News (1874348) **9.00** Benzeer (52253) **10.00** FILM Jaise Karni Kaisi Bharni (147494) **1.00pm** Manoranjan (23765) **1.30** FILM Mahaveera (131299) **4.30** *Kuckie Time (5017)* **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (6017) **7.00** Ba Adab Ba Mulahaza (42678) **8.00** English News (698562) **8.15** FILM Vansh (87739920) **11.15** Feera (805524) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (8000031) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (35838012)

TNT

Theme Women's Work
7.00pm Seven Women (1966): Bandits seize control of an isolated Chinese mansion *staffed by American women* (82421814)
8.35 The Women (1939, b/w). A New York society woman regrets getting a divorce. With Norma Shearer (18149479)
11.00 Women in the Wind (1939) A pilot (Kay Francis) enters an air race to pay for her brother's operation (11492185)
12.15am Women Are Like That (1938, b/w). Kay Francis tries to help husband Pat O'Brien in his business dealing (89962873)
1.45 The Woman in His Life (1933, b/w) A lawyer has to defend a man accused of murdering his former wife (89967128)
3.15 The Women Men Marry (1937, b/w). A journalist's wife leaves him for another man. With George Murphy, Josephine Hutchinson and Claire Dodd (23312470) Ends at **4.15**

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England captain builds platform in first one-day international

Atherton revels in leading role

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN BARBADOS

MICHAEL Atherton's demonstration of why he should never have been absent from the England one-day team gave his side a precarious platform from which to push for victory here yesterday, as the first international of the Caribbean tour was played before a sun-baked full house at Kensington Oval.

Atherton made 86, playing an assured anchor role. It was his best score in a form of the game from which he has been excluded for almost three years and it lifted his average in such matches to 42. What it could not do was lift England above a total of 202 for five.

This appeared to be 50 runs below the notional par on a grassless pitch of serene pace and bounce. However, West Indies, needing only to bat sensibly to win, showed their limitations with a series of careless shots to keep the match open.

A jaunty start between Atherton, who won the toss, and Alec Stewart had offered the huge and vocal British contingent the prospect of an imposing England score. But, having seen off the new ball without alarm, they lost their way against the probing line of the West Indies change bowlers, Winston Benjamin and Andy Cummins.

Robin Smith, always England's best hope of a commanding innings when confronted by pace alone, was dislodged by the off breaks of Roger Harper, though no turn was evident. How grateful Smith must be that there will be no spin to tease him when the Test series begins this weekend.

By contrast, Graeme Hick was forthright and fluent, as he has often been in one-day cricket, when he joined Atherton in a fourth-wicket stand of 93 in 20 overs. Its effect, however, was only to turn a poor position into an acceptable one. The abiding impression, one which must be worrying Atherton increasingly, was of a team too easily unhinged when its few main components do not all function smoothly.

It was an unenviable commission for a depleted bowling attack, albeit with the bonus of Alan Igglesden's recovery from a bruised elbow, either to contain the West Indies to fewer than four runs an over, or bowl them out.



By yesterday's deadline, 10,200 entries had been received for *The Times* First XI game. Tomorrow: the first scorecard.

All hope was far from lost, however, once Brian Lara's fine start had been cut short by Devon Malcolm, who then galloped 15 yards from mid-wicket to catch a top-edged pull from Desmond Haynes and give Igglesden a wicket with his second ball in his first one-day international.

Chris Lewis, having offered a scattering of leg-side wides, tempted Richie Richardson by straying two feet outside off stump, the West Indies captain driving impetuously to cover. The ship was holed and Phil Simmons did nothing to help, dragging his first ball on to his stumps.

With play starting at 9.35am, this atmospheric ground, shoehorned into a barely adequate space between factories and narrow, residential streets of wooden shacks, was a hive of activity soon after dawn. The traffic was chaotic, the traders jostled for their pitches and the England supporters filed in from their west-coast holiday hotels. When the fourth Test is staged here in April, their numbers will have swelled so much that England might almost imagine they are playing at home.

Only almost, though. The dazzling light, the fierce sun and the sight of Curtly Ambrose's arm coming out of the palm trees behind the southern sightscreen will always concentrate the mind here. Atherton, in particular, came impressively through this first searching test.

When Cummins, introduced for the eleventh over, was confidently flicked off his hips for four by Atherton, England looked to be on their way. It was a mere mirage. Stewart fell to Benjamin in the next over, an all too typical dismissal as he forced outside off stump, and the next boundary was not struck until the 29th over.

By then, Graham Thorpe had also perished to a shot he will not wish to watch again, an off-side dab which told of a man marooned in one-day mode. And Smith, the one player here who would volunteer to face Ambrose ahead of Harper, had stiffly checked a drive, Harper stooping for the return catch.

Hick came in with half the overs gone and only 73 scored but, with the threat of regular short-pitched bowling removed, he was confident from the start. Atherton, accelerating sensibly, passed 50 in the 32nd over and was closing on what would have been only the third one-day century for England against West Indies when he failed to clear mid-on.

Hick's 47 from 64 balls ended when he slapped a full-toss to mid-wicket. Anticipating the four to complete his 50, he instead saw Simmons pluck a one-handed catch, high to his right, leaving Maynard to supervise the final sprint past 200.

REBECCA NADEN



Atherton, the England captain, pulls for four on the way to 86 against West Indies in Bridgetown yesterday

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND
*M A Atherton c Richardson b Cummins ..... 86 (180min, 147 balls, 6 fours)
†A J Stewart c Lara b Benjamin 11 (46min, 34 balls, 2 fours)
G P Thorpe c Adams b Benjamin .. 4 (25min, 14 balls)
R A Smith c and b Harper ..... 12 (31mn, 23 balls)
G A Hick c Simmons b Cummins . 47 (83min, 63 balls, 4 fours)
M P Maynard not out ..... 22 (22min, 16 balls, 1 four)
C C Lewis not out ..... 6 (13min, 7 balls)
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 3) 14
Total (5 wkts, 203min, 50 overs) . 202
PROGRESS: 10 overs: 31; 20: 51: 30: 89, 40: 138.

S L Watkin, A P Igglesden, D E Malcolm and P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35 (Atherton 20 not out), 2-45 (Atherton 25), 3-73 (Atherton 40), 4-166 (Hick 43), 5-176 (Maynard 3).

BOWLING: Ambrose 10-2-35-0 (5-2-7-0, 2-0-9-0, 3-0-19-0); Walsh 10-0-42-0 (4-0-32-0, 4-0-13-0, 2-0-6-0); Benjamin 10-2-38-2 (6-2-8-2, 3-0-20-0, 1-0-10-0); Cummins 10-1-28-2 (5-1-11-0, 3-0-7-0, 2-0-10-2), Harper 10-0-48-1 (one spell).

WEST INDIES: D L Haynes, B C Lara, *R B Richardson, K L T Arthurton, P V Simmons, †J C Adams, R A Harper, C E L Ambrose, A C Cummins, W K M Benjamin, C A Walsh.

Umpires: L H Barker and C R Duncan.
Match referee: S M Gavaskar (India)

Seles rules out return this year and fuels speculation

BY STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

MONICA Seles, through her business advisers, yesterday ended speculation surrounding the timing of her return to the women's tennis tour. The statement, issued by the International Management Group during the French indoor championship in Paris, disclosed that she does not intend to compete this year.

The announcement, the first on the subject since Seles appeared at a press conference during the US Open last September, will inevitably provoke further debate. Will the 20-year-old, who plainly suffered far more than physical injury when she was stabbed in Hamburg on April 30 last year, ever be able to resume?

She was thought to have been practising on clay, fuelling rumours that she was planning to enter the French Open in May, but Stephanie Tolleson, on behalf of IMG, poured water over "speculation which has heightened as the draw for each week's tournament is announced".

"Monica does not want to mislead anyone," Tollerson said. "She has not entered in any tournaments this year and she does not know when she will be able to return. She has spent the last few months focusing on her physical rehabilitation in order to return to the sport she loves.

"There are still emotional issues resulting from the stabbing attack and she will not be ready to play again in the near future."

Seles, the undisputed world No 1 before she was assaulted by a crazed supporter of Steffi Graf, dropped out of the official world rankings on Monday. With nothing left to prove and with more money than she could ever need, Seles has discovered her lost youth during her absence from the tour. Time once fully consumed by tennis has been spent on other pastimes.

In the continuing withdrawal of Seles, who had won seven of the last eight grand slam events she entered, the women's game is bound to go on being monopolised by Graf. The winner of the last four grand slam championships, she has been beaten only six times in the last year.

Injured Evans out of Wales team to play France



Evans: shoulder injury

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WALES will be without their captain, Ieuan Evans, when they face the sternest test of their five nations' championship season so far against France in Cardiff on Saturday. They were prepared for the possibility but what was unexpected yesterday was the announcement that Mike Rayer would win his thirteenth cap by returning as full back.

Rayer, 28, has been preferred to Anthony Clement, the British Isles player, after successive victories over Scotland and Ireland have taken Wales to the top of the championship table. It is a reversal of the events of last season, when Rayer was dropped after the match with Ireland in favour of Clement. Alan Davies, the Wales coach, said: "Mike has been pressing very hard for his international place and Tony, by his own high standards, has not been playing as well as before."

In the absence of Evans, who damaged shoulder ligaments against Ireland, Simon Hill, 25, of Cardiff, wins his fourth cap on his first full championship appearance and the captaincy passes to Gareth Llewellyn. Given another week, Evans might have been ready but, despite a gradual improvement, the medical staff advised against his selection.

Although Evans misses the chance of equalling Arthur Gould's record of 18 games as Wales captain, Llewellyn, 24, will slip naturally into the role. The Neath lock led the national side on tour in Zimbabwe and Namibia last summer and has become a key figure in his country's plans.

France, too, were forced into an unscheduled change when Philippe Bernat-Salles, the Pau wing, hurt his neck in a training game against an Armed Services XV. His withdrawal allows Emil N'Tamack, 23, the Toulouse wing or full back, to make his championship debut.

England, who play Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday, are bracing themselves for the loss of Ben Clarke, the Bath No 8. John Hall, Clarke's club colleague who was deposed after the one-point win over Scotland, was brought back into the squad yesterday but is by no means certain to play if Clarke is unfit. Instead, Steve Ojomoh, a third Bath back-row forward, may win his first cap. Clarke went to Stoke Mandeville yesterday to see Nigel Henderson, England's honorary surgeon, about the arm he bruised against the Scots. "His elbow is still stiff and sore," Geoff Cooke, the team manager, said. "We may give it another day but we don't want to risk it developing into a long-term injury. I would rather Ben missed one match than three."

WALES: M A Rayer (Cardiff), S D Hill (Cardiff), N G Davies (Llanelli), M R Hall (Cardiff), N Walker (Cardiff), N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), R H St J B Moon (Llanelli); R L Evans (Llanelli), G R Jenkins (Swansea), J D Davies (Neath), E W Lewis (Llanelli), P T Davies (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Neath, captain), M A Perego (Llanelli), L S Quinnell (Llanelli). Replacements: R N Jones (Swansea), A Clement (Swansea), I Jones (Llanelli), R C McBryde (Swansea), H Williams-Jones (Llanelli), A H Copsey (Llanelli).

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No 91

ACROSS
7 Cause damage (to) (5)
8 Be present in (7)
9 Pub worker (7)
10 Multiplied by (5)
11 Neat (4)
12 Modern (2,2,4)
15 Enduring memorial (8)
16 Flexible armour (4)
19 Commercial waterway (5)
21 Articulate (7)
22 Arrogant newcomer (7)
23 Pablo Casals' instrument (5)

DOWN
1 Risky ploy (6)
2 Protector (8)
3 Wild (animal) (5)
4 Number (of magazine) (7)
5 Sewn join (4)
6 Palace of French president (6)
8 Untied; impartial (11)
13 In an astonished way (8)
14 Blend (of metals) (7)
15 Experimental model (4-2)
17 Supple, agile (6)
18 Tiny particle (5)
20 Architect of Georgian London (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 90

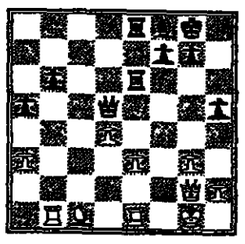
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DOWN: 2 Itch 3 Tidier 4 Disciple 5 Force 6 Down the hatch 7 In at the death 8 Stuart 13 Redolent 16 Negate 17 Psyche 19 Rub up 21 Hare

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Hertan - Yakovich, Hastings Challengers 1994. Here Black spotted an opportunity to win an important White pawn. Can you see how?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CAROUSEL
a. A drinking bout
b. A tournament
c. A type of elevator

CRULLER
a. A Thames rowing-boat
b. A cake
c. A beggar

PROSTOMIUM
a. The chin of a worm
b. The porch of a temple
c. An intro

RHADAMANTHUS
a. A flower stalk
b. Cloth of gold
c. A stern judge

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